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ITEM: 29 **Hawkesbury Food Program**

FILE NUMBER: GP070/026 PT02/GMA/OGC31NAX.G03

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Food Program Steering Committee will be presenting to this meeting the Hawkesbury Food Program.

The presentation is intended to inform Council of the aims, activities and expected outcomes (management plan) of the Program, which is the first task force of Hawkesbury Healthy City, and provide an opportunity for questions or comment on the plan.

The Steering Committee will be represented by David Riches, Manager Wentworth Centre for Health Promotion; Professor John Macdonald, Professor of Primary Health Care UWS-Hawkesbury; Peter Blanchard, Director of Community Health, Hawkesbury District Health Service; Carl Moses, Director of Hawkesbury Care; and Felicity Sheaves, Project Officer.

An invitation has been extended to the Steering Committee to make the presentation at 1.00pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **30****ITEM: 30** **Monthly Financial Report - February 1998****FILE NUMBER:** FO11/005 PT04/FNC/OGC31NAX.F05**REPORT:****February 1998****A. Expenditure Warrant Number 8 of 1997/98**

Summary of Accounts Paid:

Cheque # 55712- 56208	\$3,932,332.47
EFT 4589 - 4878	\$1,251,293.62
EFT Other (FDC)	\$30,685.50
Cancelled Cheques	\$-179,907.83
Misc - Bank Charges, Dishonours etc.	\$5,352.26
	<u>\$5,039,756.02</u>

B. Cash Book Reconciliation - February 1998

Cash Book Balance as at 1 February 1998	\$-471,426.76
Add: Receipts for month of February	<u>\$5,698,431.18</u>
	\$5,227,004.42
Less: Payments for month of February	<u>\$-5,039,756.02</u>
Cash Book Balance as at 28 February 1998	<u>\$187,248.40</u>

C. Statement of Bank Balances - February 1998

Bank Statement Balance as at 28 February 1998	\$281,759.09
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$-626,253.70</u>
	\$-344,494.61
Add: Outstanding Deposits	\$555,259.91
Statement Credits not receipted	<u>\$-23,516.90</u>
	<u>\$187,248.40</u>

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Investment Type	Balance 28-Jan-97	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Paid	Balance 28-Feb-98
Managed Funds	20,740,409.39			145,929.14	20,886,338.53
On Call Funds	1,805,000.00	800,000.00	1,000,000.00		1,605,000.00
Term Investments	950,000.00				950,000.00
TOTAL	23,495,409.39	800,000.00	1,000,000.00	145,929.14	23,441,338.53

Responsible Accounting Officer

The summary warrant is fully supported by vouchers and invoices which have been duly certified.

The detailed warrant is available upon request.

The Cash Book and Bank Statements have been reconciled as at 28 February, 1998.

The investments outlined above are the total of all funds that have been invested. All investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's investment policies.

The Rate Book has been reconciled as at 28 February, 1998.

Geoff Banting
Responsible Accounting Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 31**Crown Reserve Off Tizzana Road at Ebenezer****FILE NUMBER:**

SA0148/96 PT1 & P2006/250 PT2/CSV/OGC31NBX.C06

REPORT:

Correspondence has been received from Mr Steve Atkins of 578 Tizzana Road, Ebenezer, requesting that Council give further consideration to the proposal to close the Crown Road Reserve which traverses Lot 9 in DP227211 off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer, and the opening of a new public road access to the Hawkesbury River at the other end of his property.

The matter was previously considered by the Council at its meeting in July 1997, at which the Council resolved to receive the information contained within the following report:-

"Council at its meeting on 13 May 1997, gave consideration to the following report and resolved that the matter be deferred to the next General Purpose Committee Meeting.

Council will recall a matter concerning the proposed closure of a Crown Reserve Road which traverses Lot 9 in DP.227211 off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer. The original request to close the road came from the adjoining property owners on the basis that they were experiencing problems by people utilising the riverbank area for water skiing and further indicating that often there are large groups of people congregating on the river and their occupation encroaches onto their private yard areas thus affecting their amenity. They further expressed concern as to the safety of individuals utilising the area for skiing having regard to the busy and hectic movements of speed boats coming and going from the riverbank area and the fact that the area is also utilised for swimming and other activities.

When the matter was last before the Council at its meeting on the 12th March, 1996, Council resolved to advise the Department of Land and Water Conservation (the owner of the subject land) that representations had been received and that it currently wishes to have its application for the road transfer deferred. (Council had previously requested to have the Crown Road Reserve transferred to it so it could then decide on its future).It was also resolved that appropriate investigation take place on the relocation of the access of the existing Crown Reserve in accordance with the proposal submitted by Mr and Mrs Atkins. The proposal referred to in Council's resolution was for Mr and Mrs Atkins to transfer to the Department of Land and Water Conservation land on the western side of their property as a Crown Road Reserve, thus still providing access to the river in return for the closure and purchase of the current Crown Road Reserve leading from Tizzana Road to the River.

Subsequent to this decision, the matter was referred to the responsible department and an onsite meeting was held with residents, objectors and representatives of the Department of Land and Water Conservation to discuss the proposed land exchange. Advice has now been received from the Department of Land and Water Conservation that they will not agree to an "exchange" and if a new Crown Road is to be created, it is to be transferred from the Atkins to Council and dedicated as public road and only when this has been effected will the Department then consider closing the other road.

The Department also advised that they will be required to advertise the proposed closure and invite submissions from interested persons. It is noted that previously there have been a number of submissions including two petitions both supporting and objecting to the road closure.

There is some concern in accepting the dedication of a new road, particularly in relation to future demands that may be placed on Council to construct the road and provide access to the river. It is noted that the proposed new access road provides a lesser standard of access to the river than the existing Crown Road Reserve in that it is approximately 30 metres long sloping moderately towards the river but terminating at a steep bank along the river about 10 metres high with very limited beach area. It is considered extremely difficult to provide access to a similar standard to that existing and may require heavy cut and possibly retaining walls and would be very steep. There is also some doubt as to whether it would provide the suitable access that may be required in times of emergency by the Fire Control Officer in terms of a fire tanker having access to the river.

Having regard to the view now expressed by the Department of Land and Water Conservation, the proposal to have an alternate site dedicated as public road to the Council and for the Council to assume care, control, responsibility and maintenance for this area of land, is not supported for the reasons previously mentioned. Whilst the residents immediately adjoining the existing Crown Road Reserve have expressed their opposition, it is considered the best way of controlling future problems in terms of people encroaching onto their land from the adjoining river/beach area is by suitable boundary definition/fencing."

In requesting that the matter be given further consideration, Mr Atkins indicates that the existing Crown Road Reserve which accesses the river, is only in a good condition because it has been maintained by himself and an adjoining owner Mr Dever. Mr Atkins advises that he is prepared to make the proposed Road Reserve access as accessible as the existing road and it will then be up to the users of the road to maintain it as outlined in a petition of support by neighbouring property owners which suggest that the neighbours would be prepared to set up a lawn mowing and management committee to take care of the new Road Reserve. Mr Atkins is also prepared to plant some trees for shade and fence the boundary of his property to alleviate the problem with trespassing.

The issues are as follows:-

- the location of the existing Crown Road Reserve between the Atkins and Dever properties is impacting upon the quiet enjoyment of their properties and in some instances leading to trespassing on their properties;
- the Department of Land and Water Conservation is prepared to consider the closing of the Crown Road Reserve on the basis that any newly dedicated road accessing the river be declared public road and, therefore, under the Council's care and responsibility; and

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- Mr Atkins has undertaken to construct a new road on the other end of his property and to make it as accessible as the existing road, with neighbours indicating they are prepared to maintain any new road.

In view of the undertaking given by Mr Atkins, the proposal is supported and it is considered that it should be the subject of an appropriate Deed of Agreement between himself and Council which also acknowledges the commitment to maintain the road by the signatures to the petition. Support should also be subject to Mr Atkins meeting all reasonable legal, survey, administrative and application fees in this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council advise Mr Atkins and the Department of Land and Water Conservation that it supports the proposal of having an area of the land adjoining No. 578 Tizzana Road, Ebenezer, transferred to Council and dedicated as public road in order to facilitate the possible closure of the existing Crown Road Reserve. Further, that the proposal be subject to a Deed of Agreement outlining that Mr Atkins will be responsible for constructing the new road and arranging its maintenance as well as meeting all reasonable expenses in the closure of the existing Crown Road and opening of a new public road, with the Seal of Council to be affixed to the Deed.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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