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Chrystalls Extended Stopbank - Progress Update

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to:

- Update the Committee on progress with the Chrystalls Extended Stopbank project.
- Advise the Committee of the programme of work necessary to achieve the target completion date of June 2008.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The previous report on the Chrystalls Extended project (Report 06.362) covered the following matters:

- The outcome of the analysis of the stopbank alignment options and recommended the preferred alignment.
- The proposed programme of work indicated that the target completion date of June 2008 may not be achieved (worst case scenario).
- Provided an update of the project cost estimate.

In addition Report 06.503 confirmed the funding arrangement with the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC).

4. Notice of requirement and resource consent

The Notice of Requirement (NOR) and Resource Consent applications were formally lodged with KCDC and GW respectively on the 15 February 2007.

The applications were notified in the Kapiti Observer and the Otaki Mail on the 1 March 2007. Submissions close on the 30 March 2007.

A press release which included comments from Cr Laidlaw and Mayor Milne was released on the 5 March 2007.

Prior to lodging the applications we had a number of meetings with adjoining land owners and potentially affected parties. Feedback has been supportive and we are not anticipating any substantial submissions in opposition to the stopbank. Ontrack and Transit NZ have already provided approval to our secondary designation over their land.

An update will be provided at the meeting.

5. Land negotiations

Land negotiations are well advanced. Below is a brief summary of progress. An update will be provided at the meeting.

Crown Land managed by Land Information NZ (LINZ)

GW has had ongoing discussions with LINZ to secure ownership of the crown land managed by LINZ. GW intends to purchase the LINZ land, however the process which LINZ must undertake in order to dispose of the crown land is extensive and will not be resolved prior to GW wishing to start construction of the stopbank.

LINZ has agreed to grant an easement over the land required which will allow construction of the stopbank to start in advance of GW owning the land.

Fletcher Concrete and Infrastructure Limited (FC&IL)

FC&IL are the parent company for Firth Industries, Stresscrete and Winstone Aggregates each of who operate facilities within the LINZ land. FC&IL existing access agreements will be resolved with LINZ. When GW owns the land we will grant a new access agreement to FC&IL along the lines of the agreement they currently have with LINZ.

Ontrack

Ontrack has been fully consulted over the stopbank proposal and support the works. As part of the land agreement with LINZ, Ontrack have confirmed the area required to be retained for railway purposes and this area will be surveyed and separated as part of the overall LINZ/GW agreement.

JL Andrews Ltd

JL Andrews Ltd has signed an agreement whereby GW has been offered right of entry to the land for the purposes of survey and construction of a stopbank and GW will be granted an easement in perpetuity for construction, repair, maintenance and reconstruction of the stopbank.

GW leased land

Written notice has been sent to the licensee of the GW land along the western section of the proposed stopbank. GW will regain possession of this land by

the end of March 2007 to enable stockpiling of stopbank construction material and subsequent stopbank construction.

6. Programme for Completion of the Stopbank

Design

Detailed design of the western section of the proposed stopbank has commenced. This will enable us to accurately determine the type and quantities of materials required.

We are also investigating the availability and cost of suitable stopbank materials from various local sites to determine whether it would be beneficial to commence stockpiling material on the land owned by GW at the western section of the proposed stopbank. We can not proceed with construction until all of the necessary consents are in place but we are making progress with the planning for construction so as to be ready for a start at the beginning of the next construction season.

Construction

The activity milestone dates associated with the project are set out in Table 6.1 below. The milestones are based on the NOR and Resource Consent process being straight forward, no appeals being lodged, easements/land purchases being agreed and the construction period being achieved. At this stage the consents process and land negotiations are progressing well and we are reasonably confident that we will be in a position to commence works in late August.

Table 6.1: Milestone Dates

Activity Milestones	Date
Notice of Requirement and Resource Consent Submissions close	30 March 2007
Notice of Requirement recommendation from KCDC, report to LCC	Completed by June 2007
Resource Consent decision	June 2007
Outline Plan to KCDC, Resource Consent appeal period, conclude landowner negotiations	July 2007
Complete detailed design and tender documents, advertise tender, report to Policy and Finance Committee	August 2007
Appoint Contractor	October 2007
Start Construction	November 2007
Complete Construction	June 2008

7. Communications

A copy of this report will be forwarded to KCDC once it has been considered by the Landcare committee.

We will also keep the Otaki Community advised via press releases. A press release advising the community about the notice of requirement and resource consent applications was released on the 5 March 2007.

A further press release will be prepared once we have considered the submissions on the NOR.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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