

Mike Curry

From: Stratforddc
Sent: Sunday, 15 March 2009 9:28 a.m.
To: submissions@stratford.govt.nz
Subject: Long Term Plan Form - SDC Website

Hello,

Name: Stephen Dravitzki
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Wish To Speak: no

Forestry: We are in a user pays society so I would like to see the emphasis placed on the people who use the roads in particular, alongwith the companies that own the forestry. I believe the council in particular are trying to wash their hands of the most identifiable complex the town has. The complex might need a varity of newable solutions, but I cannot believe we view the glass as half empty when it comes to the swimming complex. The pool should have a gymnasium, sauna, spa etc attached to it.....should be run as a complex covering all aspects of fitness. At present children and older people are predominantly the users...and it primarily caters for people that just swim...for training or leisure, as you have said 55,000 people use it a year, imagine if those people were members. Children come to use the pool for swimming and a resupported by at least one parent..that parent usually is only watching. If there was a possibility for that parent to come along ans workout and then swim, or sauna or spa beofre taking their children home then this proposition would be more viable for parents to join as a family. I beleive an option like this could make the pool 20-30 percent self funding....which is obviously better than it is at present. Remember this complex I believe identifies more with Taranaki people than its Shakespareian concept

TSB Pool:

Farm Sale: Sell the farm. Why because the council is going to need funding for water treatment and with the current economic climate we cannot sustain the a ten percent rate rise

Comments:

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From: Stratforddc
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Hello,

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Wish To Speak: no

Forestry: Owners of forestry should meet the costs to get their timber out. As it is our unsealed road is unlikely to be sealed until 2040 so please don't delay any further.

TSB Pool: Build a new laned pool behind existing complex and modify current pool into something that is suitable for younger children. At present there is nothing suitable for children under 5 in Stratford, it is important to encourage water safety and catering for younger children would ensure higher usage of the pool complex by the local community.

Farm Sale:
Comments:

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From: Stratforddc
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Hello,

Name: Daniel McKay
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Wish To Speak: no

Forestry: If we need too, we need too. However, why can't we charge the companies that need these roads? Or, why can't we get them to pay for the new roads, and then pay them back at the same rate of investment that we spend per year anyway?

New Aquatic Center. However, I would also like to have the new center with a sauna as well.

TSB Pool: I like the idea of a new looking Aquatic Center, especially with new facilities like a spa and a sauna. There are two reasons for this - 1) if we are looking at catering for a more elderly demographic, then having a spa and sauna would make a pool complex appealing to them. 2) Having the Pool complex by TET stadium would tie in very well with people who have just played hockey or netball etc, and want to cool off, or soak their tired bodies in the spa or sauna. Maybe we could charge out of towners for the priveledge of using our pool, to help pay for it, and to give ratepayers a feeling that they are getting a tangible benefit to the inevitable rates increase!
 Status quo.

Farm Sale: Times have changes since February 2008 when the report was submitted. Also, having a small, consistent rates offset is appreciated (even 1%!). If the farm is running itself, and is making money, and employs another family in the district, why change it?

If anything we should be trying to think of ways that we can make our existing assets more productive!

Stratford is a great place to live, and I am proud that the council is not afraid to spend money on Stratford. I believe that this increases the attractiveness of the town, and will naturally increase house prices. This in turn, will hopefully make Stratford unaffordable and unappealing to the "rogue elements".

I love what the council has done in the past 5 or so years to beautify Stratford, it is easily the "best feeling" town in the central/southern Taranaki.

Comments:

I don't know why Stratford has to go to banks for loans etc. Why can't the council finance these improvements through local council bonds issue? It would be a great way to increase the local communities pride, by giving us the chance to invest in ourselves. Another option for the swimming pool, and the holiday park, is entering into a Public/Private Partnership - therefore, "diluting" the ownership of the council and the associated rates burden. Another way of doing it, is to think of the Pool as having to make a profit - why is there no pool earnings in the financial assessment? Surely, if we have an attractive pool to swim at, it will make some money?

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Personally, I can afford to pay extra rates, and I do not mind rates increases if they are justifiable (which I believe the above proposals are).

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From: Stratforddc
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Hello,

Name: Jason Loveridge
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Wish To Speak: yes

Forestry: Using the current budget to upgrade roads when harvesting of woodlots begin. Large forestry owners need to give adequate notice of intended harvest. More information is needed on forestry areas and the ETS could have major impacts on the behaviour of forest owners in terms of some not harvesting and just accumulating carbon credits. New roof structure and enclosing the childrens pool is a better option than doing the minimum. A pool complex is a huge asset to a district. We need to be progressing not just doing the bare minimum.

Farm Sale: It would be a very bad idea to sell the farm. Land can never be lost and will continue to increase as an asset. Investments come with risk.

Comments: The emissions trading scheme provides opportunity as well as liabilities. Why does the council not consider to invest the \$100,000 that it is planning to spend per year on buying carbon credits and create forests on local ratepayers land in the district through joint ventures to cover liabilities and sell surpluses. The district certainly has enough suitable land for this. While there is currently a lot of uncertainty around the ETS the council should consider investing in its own district with benefits for employment the environment and potential for returns. I would like to present some information regarding this topic.

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From: Stratforddc
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2009 1:53 p.m.
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Hello,

Name: Swimming Taranaki
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Wish To
Speak: no
Forestry:

Option 2 - Convert existing pool - new 25m x 25m pool.

The Stratford TSB Pool is an important facility for Swimming Taranaki - almost the most important. We host our development camps and clinics in Stratford which we have been running for several years very successfully and an annual swim camp for the last 18 years. Our swimmers have gained a high standard with their peers around NZ and Taranaki has been at the forefront of swimming regions in NZ in offering all members throughout the province these opportunities to train together with some of NZ's leading coaches. Stratford is the perfect environment for these camps. Apart from the great location, Stratford offers affordable accommodation for large groups.

We also run the Tarnakai Short Course Winter champs in Stratford. These championships are getting bigger each year as we have alot of competitors from outside Taranaki compete and the space in the existing pool complex is always a concern to accommodate everyone. Also with 10 lanes it enables more swimmers to advance to the finals which is always an exciting achievement for the hard work the swimmers put into their training.

TSB Pool: The larger pool would also enable Swimming Taranaki to hold a national championship in Stratford which would ensure revenue for Stratford businesses and huge publicity for the province.

Learn to Swim has also become a big part of most children's and some adults lives and is very busy at present at the Stratford pool with squad training and leisure swimming all trying to get their space - there really isnt enough room for everyone to enjoy the type of swimming they choose.

Swimming Taranaki urge you to move forward into the future with Option 2 for the benefit of the entire community.

Yours sincerely
Julie Owen
Administrator
Swimming Taranaki

Farm Sale:
Comments:

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From: Stratforddc
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Hello,

Name: Helen Russell
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Wish To Speak: no

Forestry: I prefer that Council continue to seal extensions of unsealed roads and give the owners of the forest blocks some help in upgrading forestry roads. As I won't be using them, why should I pay for there upgrade?

TSB Pool: I prefer option C. CONVERT EXISTING POOL: We have a fine group of young swimming talent and they need a dedicated pool to train and compete in. The roof needs to be redone and whether it gets done now or not, it will need to be replaced at some stage and the cost can only increase.

Farm Sale:

Comments: Please email me that you have received this, thanx.

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Phone: 067654327
Wish To Speak: no
Forestry:
TSB Pool:
Farm Sale:

Water Treatment Submission.

Comments: My submission is for the Council to spend \$9.55million on water in the next 10 years. Stratford residents deserve to have fresh, clean water as a staple requirement. As it stands now, we may be subject to E Coli and other harmful bugs in our water. We need a whole new treatment station and reservoir to service our town and this should be started as soon as possible. The work will need to be done at some stage and we may as well do it now as I'm sure the costs will spiral if we wait.

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