

Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc

TO Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM Kirstin Richmond - Community Coordinator
DATE 3 November 2015
SUBJECT **Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc**

1 Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal from the Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc. to develop a speedway facility on Council land at 40 Moewai Road, Whitianga.

2 Background

The Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc. reformed in July 2015. The land they currently occupy is owned by the Mercury Bay Aero Club. The current lease with the Aero Club has been renewed for a period of 2 years. The Speedway Club envisage re locating to the TCDC owned land adjacent to the Rescue Helicopter base, on the land known as the "Sheriff Block during this time. A plan is **Attachment A**, which shows the approximate area proposed for the speedway.

3 Issue

The current lease held by the Sppeedway Club with the Mercury Bay Aero Club is for 2 years. During this time it is proposed that the Speedway relocate to the land at 40 Moewai Road, Whitianga.

TCDC, Mercury Bay Community Board and the Speedway will need to work together during this period to enable the move to the Sheriff Block. To enable the Speedway Club to proceed with detailed investigations and plans with some certainty the Community Board approval in principle is required.

4 Discussion

The Speedway proposals aligns with previous discussions regarding its future and this area of land. However, care will need to be taken to ensure the detail aligns with all future developments of this land.

Other possible developments, which have been discussed previously and some of which are included in the revised District Plan include the provision of :

- a) Land for commercial / industrial purposes.
- b) Roading and other infrastructure services.
- c) Other motor sport activities.
- d) Public recreation, parking and other amenities.

It is proposed that the Speedway proposal be approved in principle, subject to a report back to the Community Board for further consideration and approval.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Speedway Club Inc' report, dated 3 November 2015.
2. Approve in principle the proposal from Whitianga Speedway Club Inc. to develop a speedway facility on part of the land owned by TCDC at 40 Moewai Road, Whitianga

Subject to:

- a) Protection of the Council's future proposals for the development of the land known as the Sheriff Block.
- b) The detailed plans being reported back to the Community Board for approval.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Plan Showing Proposed Track location*

Attachment A - Speedway location