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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.
Name: Anaela Dallard
Address: 54 Stanley Rd.
Contact phone: 06 7628862
I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Do Minimum
because: Council has money to do this.
Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____
because: _____
Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: _____
because: _____
Please use additional paper, if required.

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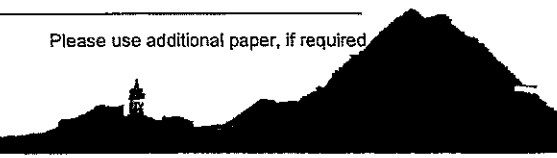
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Mr Rex Curtis
Taurakawa Road
RD 22
Stratford

Friday 6th March 2009

To whom it may concern,

I would like the Stratford District Council to maintain the Taurakawa Road.

I am a resident of the Stratford District. My property is situated on taurakawa Road, which is a "road beyond peg" in terms of maintenance i.e. the road is not maintained by Council.

I have lived on this road for twelve and a half years and during this time, at considerable expense to myself have upgraded and maintained the Taurakawa Road. I have spent \$52,000.00 maintaining the road which is the only access to my house, which is located 2.2km from Puniwhakau Road. There are 6 other properties that adjoin Taurakawa Road, whose owners use the road to some degree. Some of these owners have made minor contributions towards the upgrading and maintenance of the road while others have made none.

I believe it is unreasonable for me to make a major contribution to the upkeep of the road, because I live at the end, while other owners make no or very little contribution, but in many cases use the road as much if not more than I do. At times through their negligence, particularly in wet weather, they cause so much damage it is difficult for me to get access to my home.

Could the Stratford District Council maintain the road, perhaps to a lesser standard than other roads in the district, and make all residents on the road make a more equitable contribution?

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. G. Curtis".

Rex Curtis

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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.
Name: Lisa Johnston
Address: 10 Rosalind Street
Contact phone: 027 463 5104
I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO
at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Re-roof the pool.
Keep the original lay-out.
because: Cost too much money for
other options and don't want
to lose pool if it doesn't work.
Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: Not sure
because: _____

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: Sell farm and
use money for water treatment station.
because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

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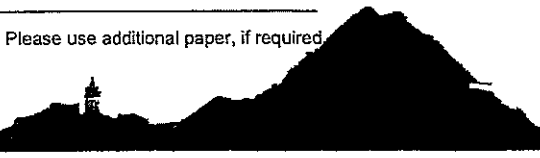
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Name: Jacqui Wood

Address: 35 Brecon Road

Contact phone: 06 765 8165

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Convert existing pool. New 25M x 25M pool
because: please see attached.

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: That the farm is not sold.
because: Provides jobs a good income and capital gain.

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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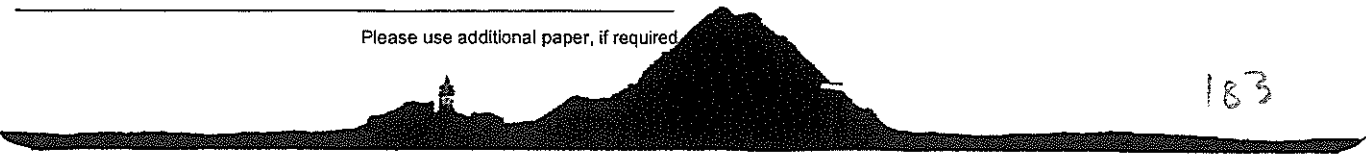
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TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: **Convert existing pool. New 25Mx25M pool**

Whose pool is it? What name is on it? If The Hub in Hawera can get \$3M, the TSB pool should be able to get at least \$1M from the TSB Community Trust!!

Why spend \$250,000.00 now when in 15 years time the community will be back to where we are today, again debating the options. This is not prudent use of funds.

Stratford has a national reputation as a district with a good pool but it is now in need of an upgrade. Don't let's waste the efforts of previous councils and community fundraising efforts by allowing the complex to lag behind and to become 2nd rate. It has the potential for much more usage.

We need to move in a positive direction before we are unable to. Isn't Mr Hyde going to cap rates to inflation? If so, we are better to get in now before that happens or else projects like these will never proceed. Further to this, changes to councils are possible. If the Stratford council gets gobbled up into a wider Taranaki Region what chance do we have of projects such as this being done? (Just ask people from Waitara and Inglewood what they think they get from their rates?) Better to proceed now and then possibly share the cost across Taranaki.

The time to build will never be cheaper than this point in time. Given the economic climate, prices should be stable and contractor's prices will be competitive. The more council procrastinates, the more the community will end up paying.

According to your draft annual plan you are envisaging a total rate take from the community of \$8.6M. Borrowing say \$4M at 6% over 30 years equals \$133,000.00 principal, \$200,000.00 (average) interest (would actually be lower with interest decreasing over time). Total \$333,000.00 per annum which is a 3.5% rate increase. For an average urban ratepayer as per your example, a 4% increase amounts to \$1.28 per week. Plus there is an opportunity for council to approach Trusts – NZCT, TSB Community Trust, TET, Southern Trust, Lotteries Board etc, together with a small cost increase in entry fees to the pool. I think it is misleading to quote this option as a 5.0%-5.7% pa increase. I believe there are external funding opportunities available which would reduce the impact on rates. If the public were aware of this then even more people would be in support of this option.

I believe 55,000 swimmers deserve something better. I can not think of another facility in Stratford which would attract that number of patrons. An upgraded facility has many benefits for the community. An upgraded facility would attract more users, including individuals, tourists, training squads and competitive swimmers. These people all contribute to the economy by using other facilities whilst here, supermarkets, dairies, accommodation, petrol

stations to name a few. We should be utilising and promoting our central location thus bringing more money into the region.

I can also not think of another facility in Stratford which can cater to such a wide section of the community – people from 1 month to 100 years, male or female can use this facility. If council is looking to a Stratford population of 12,000 we need some first class facilities for them to use. The facility is used for recreation, competition, health reasons. An upgrade such as this allows for multi groups to use the pool at any one time. This is something which the current facility does not offer. This would stop people going to use the pools at Hawera and New Plymouth during peak usage times.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the following-

I believe that the option of: **Convert existing pool. New 25Mx25M pool** addresses 8 out of 10 points in the community priorities. This option also has cultural, environmental, spiritual and economic benefits. I implore the council to be a proactive council, not afraid to make decisions and support this option. In this circumstance I believe maintaining the pool is not enough, we need to enhance it.

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Name: Brian JEFFARES

Address: 35 ARIEL ST STRATFORD

Contact phone: 06-7657773

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: _____

because: Attached

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: As Attached

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: _____

because: Attached

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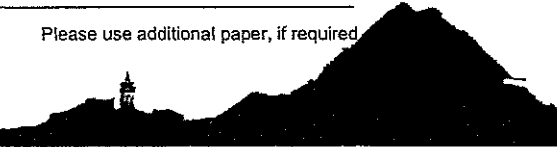
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My name is Brian Jeffares, 35 Ariel Street, Stratford.

Forestry Roads

My preferred option is to absolutely maximize the funding that is available through Central Government. Whether it be from shape correction, minor safety improvements or wherever. It should be the priority to snare as much as possible either legally or with a little creative proposal from the roading authority.

I also believe though that the benefactors of this timber harvesting should contribute something towards the cost of the roading upgrade. Contractors, land owners, etc should pay a levy per tonne towards the road upgrades which generally will not be used by the majority and will eventually potentially be over engineered for its ordinary use.

If you can then balance the funding needs you may be able to continue with a seal extension programme that will be at a lesser rate than has been the case over the past few years but will still be a very much needed District priority. Many councilors will recall the fact that seal extension has been a political football over the years and there is a grave danger that it will be “kicked to touch” again and may never get back on the field.

Brian Jeffares

Farm Sale

I am opposed to the proposed sale of the farm.

I cannot understand why this option is being considered at this time. We are constantly being bombarded with recessionary messages so you would expect land values to be down and at the same time the ability to derive a reasonable return by way of interest at the bank is somewhat limited.

Six years ago the market value of the property would have been worth \$2,500,000 (a value given to me by those in the know). Your current market estimate of \$5 million may also be unattainable. However what is it likely to be worth once world money matters settle down? The price per kilo of milk solids has risen from \$25.00 six years ago to in excess of \$50. There is every chance that the market will reach those levels again and go even higher. So one does have to consider capital gain in this equation.

Central government and local government both have a duty to try and ignite our economy. By owning the farm the SDC provides employment and off shoot industries such as farm merchandise, fertilizer, veterinary, stock agents etc. It is accepted that a new owner may still require these services but it is not guaranteed. By retaining ownership council are sending a very clear message that they are for employment at a local level and not for a clerk sitting in a bank somewhere in Wellington to click over an investment amount when the maturity time comes around.

I would have preferred the billboards to say – Council intends to buy a farm – as I believe that this sends a positive message to the community, will give a good return on investment and consolidates an asset that is already existing and presumably debt free.

Brian Jeffares

Swimming Pool

Do the minimum at this stage and I would consider not even spending the \$250,000 suggested the existing cladding has been “suspect” for some years now and will last for awhile. In the interim Council should plan to set aside an amount for the next say ten years so that there is less borrowing required.

This will satisfy the generational equity issue, Philanthropic trusts can be encouraged to share the vision and ultimately we could achieve an outcome that satisfies most.

I don't believe that you have to do the whole project in one hit. By extending the roof structure etc in say a two year time frame you can make provision for the extra pool to be funded as funding permits. It seems a little wasteful to spend a quarter of a million dollars now and to then pull it down in 15 years.

Brian Jeffares

Stratford Information Centre

I seem to recall that the council late last year invited tenders for the operation of the information centre. What has been the outcome of the tender process and does any change in the existing method of delivering this service need to be consulted with the community as I note in the draft LTCCP there is a mention of the service being provided either by the SDC or on a contract basis? I see no other reference to the possible change of service delivery.

Over the years the SDC has divested some of its operations on a contract basis. Parks and Reserves including water, swimming pool, campsite. None of these contracts have been without issues and concerns about levels of service etc. Having previously looked at the information centre it was obvious then that it would be very difficult to make the information centre a commercial success. It is likely of course that circumstances have changed but I would be disappointed if the council did choose to contract out the service to anyone only to have it struggle to meet the council's expectations and at the same time to make money.

I assume that there would be a saving to the ratepayer by contracting out the service and that's laudable. However I would question how a contractor can expect to firstly make the money the council expects to save and then after that make a profit.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further.

Brian Jeffares

Sports Fields and other Charges

This seems to be an exorbitant increase for most if not all sports organisations. For the croquet club this would mean an extra cost of \$27 per annum, per member.

I do acknowledge that the ideology of public benefit against private benefit has to be undertaken on a regular basis but that the desired proportional distribution of costs are never realized. The most important factor in my view is to encourage people of all ages to use our facilities not to discourage them. The people that have to administer their sports are inevitable volunteers who struggle to get young people to commit themselves to their organisation. To turn around and demand more money by way of subscriptions makes the job almost impossible. We must recognise that these activities do contribute to the social wellbeing of our community.

In my view the provision of sports fields, parks and reserves is as much a community need as is a library or an information centre or a swimming pool. Some of the above are free but I note with some concern that when the council had an opportunity to put up the charges of the swimming pool last year they declined to do so. I do not note any rise being mooted for the swimming pool in this document. So the question must be asked. Where is the equity? The swimming pool costs the ratepayers around \$383000 per annum – and no user pays increase suggested.

Athletics through to rugby league are all under pressure. Any increase adds more weight onto the shoulders of the administrators to pay the bills I seriously believe that this sort of increase will contribute to a significant loss of playing members and administrators who don't need the extra burden of having to find more money. It is better to have many to share the load than to have just a select few who can afford the cost.

There is a need to be consistent and that consistency should be spread over all the council's cost activities. This doesn't do that.

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Name: Tracey Burnell

Address: 87 Swansea Rd

Contact phone: 06 765 8570

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO
at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Do Minimum ~~Self~~

because: Council have funds available and lots of other high priority projects

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: Keep the farm

because: It is an asset for the Council.

Please use additional paper, if required.



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

*I would like to see an infant / baby shallow pool - say at the end of the "existing" learners pool such as Hawera.
The Roof is ugly and the concrete is slippery but this can be addressed at a not unreasonable price.
Keep the Cost of ENTRY down and get kids in Learning to swim (not just those who can afford it!)

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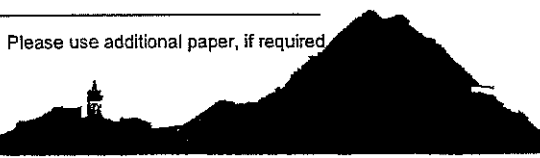
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MY DETAILS

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Name: Phil Swan

Address: 397 Stanley Rd

Contact phone: 06 762 3667

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____

Taurakawa Road

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This road needs serious remedial work done on it as it is nearly impassable in the wet summer that we have had.

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Name: THOMAS RICHARD MASON

Address: 25 Orlando Et St.

Contact phone: 765-6303

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: option 2.

because: We don't need 3 major complexes in Taranaki.

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: option 2.

because: Forestry owners should be prepared to pay some costs - as per Oil Exploration.

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: Undecided

because: Too Many If's & Buts - a bird in hand is worth two in the bush.

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I realize the water treatment project will have to proceed - however I cannot see how a rate payed - like myself - on a fixed income will be able to meet the projected increase in rates.

For me it would be an increase of about 66% by 2018.

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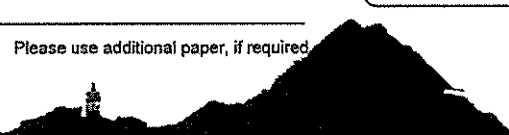
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TSB POOL COMPLEX

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My preferred option is to: CHEAPEST

Name: GARY HANN

Address: 25 LYGANDRA ST SHD because: _____

Contact phone: 06 765 5423

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

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FORESTRY ROADS

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: DO NOTHING

My preferred option is to: KEEP THE FARM

because: _____

because: IT WAS CLEFTED TO COUNCIL BY GOVERNMENT & NOT YOURS

TO SELL IT IS FOR THE UPKEEP OF ARODROME

Please use additional paper, if required.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE ARODROME FOR 29 YEARS AND THE COUNCIL HAS NOT SPENT \$35000 BUDGET ON UPKEEP OF THE ARODROME I MYSELF MAINTAIN THE LIGHTS REPLACE WINDSOCK REPAIR RABBIT HOLES ETC ALL AT MY OWN EXPENSE
MOWING THE GRASS CANNOT COST 35000 A YEAR
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE DRAINAGE OF MONEY GOES.
CLIVED ACCORDING WHICH YOU CAN DEWITN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT'S ^{OR SYSTEM} UNLIMITED WITH LAND I.E. RUNWAY EXTENSION; SECTIONS, HOUSING & SHOPPING, ETC

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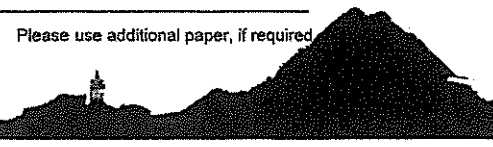
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TSB POOL COMPLEX

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My preferred option is to: Do minimum

Name: Karen Steller

Address: 94 Ariel St, Stratford

because: _____

Contact phone: 06 765 8180

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

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FORESTRY ROADS

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: let the owners of the forest blocks
because: pay for the road improvements - they are the only ones to gain from harvesting their trees!!

My preferred option is to: Sell the farm and use this money
because: for over half the costings of the new water treatment.

Please use additional paper, if required.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

it seems to me that as the cost for a new water treatment is so high and unavoidable that both the farm & the Holiday Park (when up for renewal) should both be sold at this money instead of investing it should be used for payment towards the new water plant.
The way the rates are increasing so rapidly makes me unsure if I will be able to retire and be a homeowner in this town in 25 years! my rates have tripled (3x) in 15 years since I bought my house - how do pensioners cope with such a low fixed income??

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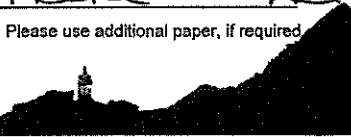
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FORESTRY ROAD

Please treat forestry roads as a commercial /user pays venture. The owners of the trees knew that one day they would need to have them felled and transported out. They should have taken this into consideration at that time. Yes roading costs have risen since then but so has the price of timber. Perhaps the easiest solution would be to charge the logging companies for each load carted. The number of loads should relate to the driver's log book and other company records. As they pay the owner for each load they could deduct the cost of roading from the payment. After all the logging company and the tree owner would be serious winners if the rate payers had to contribute to what is a commercial venture. Would the council feel obliged to pay for a road for any other privately owned commercial venture? If a company in town decided to cart rocks out of a country area and sell them to garden centres to make a profit would the council feel obliged to upgrade the road?

THE POOL COMPLEX

Because we live on an island and we have very easy access to waterways we have an alarming drowning rate. We need the pool! Unlike the forestry roads people of all ages can use it. If only one is prevented from drowning then monetary cost seems irrelevant. The current pool appears to be in a very bad way. Is it time for a new complex? If we do only the minimum now what will it cost later to do it properly? A really good facility does attract people from out of town. We already have people going to Hawera and New Plymouth to shop. New Plymouth has a popular facility – even though they are overcoming problems with a water slide. Hawera is about to upgrade their pool. Will Stratford folk start travelling that short distance to enjoy what Hawera is providing? Currently it is called the TSB pool. What is their contribution? Is it perhaps possible for the council to find a sponsor or for money to be raised for at least part of the cost – rather than by the council taking out a loan or increasing the rate take?

FARM SALE

Recently the New Plymouth council sustained a very large loss on their investments. What is to say that the Stratford Council could not do the same. At least land is tangible. Obviously if the council do sell the farm they will wait for better land prices, but should it happen we must hope that their investment skills are better than those on the New Plymouth council.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The council's community Priorities includes "a sense ofpride" Let us be proud of the pool and a healthy water supply.

Recently we have seen Broadway undergo a long drawn out beautification programme. What has it really achieved? Can we really claim business is booming from the influx of

outsiders? What difference in real terms has the beautification achieved? Surely that money would have been better spent on essential services such as the water upgrade. TET money has been used to alter the Victoria Bridge so we can see the water. Surely that money could have gone toward the pool – still a water project but not just to look at.

Priorities are generally listed in order of importance. Surely clean air, water and land don't deserve to be in number 8 position. Number 2 is business orientated. Stratford is and will always be a rural service town. If we want to attract visitors we need to think like them. Often the first thing travellers look for when they arrive in a town is a good clean toilet. A former mayor had an excellent idea. Close the toilets in the middle of Broadway in the daytime and have a sign directing people to the Information Centre to the immaculate toilets there. Only open the Broadway ones at night. Once travellers have found a clean toilet they usually move on for a cuppa and take a wander around the town. If the toilets are not up to standard generally they climb back into their vehicle and head off to the next town. Travellers generally don't give any town a second chance.

Number 3 mentions education facilities. How can council influence the quality of our schools? The standard of education reflects the standard set by a principal. A change in the person at the top can drastically alter the quality of the education the children receive.

It is important that council recognises the fact that a large proportion of the Stratford population are either on low or fixed incomes. Regardless of the demands made on council by central government or of council ideals, individuals have to budget and many are stretched to maintain a decent living standard without any rate increases. Perhaps council could find ways of reducing costs. Large companies have to make unpopular moves to survive in the cut throat world of business, and councils surely handle budgets suggesting they are in the same arena. Are there cuts that could be made?

Remember the old sayings "Look after the pennies.....and every little counts".

As for the emission trading scheme Nick Smith announced 15 April on TV news that because we have planted a huge number of trees and some regions had suffered droughts they now have a reasonable credit rather than a huge deficit. Are there ways in which we can reduce our liability? Could we not encourage the planting of trees? They need to be where they are useful, but perhaps money spent on trees is better than money given away to pay for our carbon footprint.

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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.
Name: Colleen Moore
Address: 71 Cordelia St Stratford
Contact phone: 06 765 6136
I wish to speak to my submission: ~~YES~~ YES NO
at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: _____
Convert existing Pool
because: *

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____
because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: _____
because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

* What is the point of spending 2.2 million and then in 15 yrs having to replace the steel framing.
We live in a great town lets keep moving forward you only have to look at the new housing and subdivision going up to see this town moving forward.
Talking to people in the Swimmers Club a new 25m to Lane pool would be fantastic asset to our town and we could hold a lot more competitive competitions if the complex was up to standard. Thus creating more revenue for our town.
Thank you for the opportunity to add my opinion

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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.

Name: ANARON WOOD
Address: 35 BRECON ROAD STRATFORD
Contact phone: (06) 278 3512 (W) 765 8115 (H)

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Convert Existing pool. NEW 25x25 Pool
because: PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: SUPPORT THE UPGRADE OF APPROX 30KM
because: SHOULD PROVIDE AND SUPPORT POTENTIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF DISTRICT.

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: THAT THE FARM IS NOT SOLD
because: FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF LAND USE REQUIRED AND OUTCOMES MADE MORE OPEN TO RATEPAYERS

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

I SUPPORT WATER TREATMENT QUALITY TO BE NO LESS THAN IS CURRENTLY MAINTAINED, AND STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ON GOING ADDITION OF FLUORIDE INTO STRATFORD DISTRICT DRINKING WATER.

HEALTH (page 78) I SUPPORT A ONE FACILITY THAT CONTAINS EXISTING DOCTORS AND PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICES. HOWEVER ANY RATEPAYERS FUNDING AND ON GOING SUPPORT FOR THIS CENTRE NEEDS TO BE LIMITED TO HAVING AVAILABLE 24 HOUR 7 DAY A WEEK MEDICAL SERVICES MADE TO COVER EMERGENCY NEEDS OF STRATFORD DISTRICT. GOING TO NEW PLYMOUTH OR HAWERA AFTER HOURS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE OPTIONS.

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**In Support of TSB Pool Complex Option
Convert Existing Pool. New 25m x 25m Pool**

I support, in regards to the TSB Pool Complex, the option of **‘convert existing pool. New 25m x 25m pool’**, if undertaken in the next three years, will strongly support the Stratford District Council’s vision, as stated in the LTCCP within the section The Big Issues on pages 27 to 29.

The vision is stated as:

Simply stated the **Vision for Stratford District** is:

“THE SERVICE CENTRE OF TARANAKI” POPULATION OF AT LEAST 12,000
WITH ABOVE AVERAGE INCOMES

To work towards this vision, the key target areas are:

1. **Encouraging Positive Attitudes**
2. **Assisting Economic Growth**
3. **Enhancing Stratford**
4. **Facilitating Tourism Development**
5. **Providing Local Leadership and Governance**
6. **Maintaining Essential Services.**
7. **Providing Civic Amenities**
8. **Enhancing Community Infrastructure**

The current economic climate (that is locally, nationally and internationally) provides to make the taking of the **‘convert existing pool. New 25m x 25m pool’**, if undertaken in the next three years, the strongest and most attractive option. This view is based on the following:

- Within the construction industry there is a lack of projects, which should be used by the Council to obtain a very competitive price.
- Financial institutions are looking for more secure projects to invest in and so a low interest rate of funding should be competitively obtained

- Building a new facility will allow for more cost and energy efficient technology to be used that will help reduce operational costs over the life span of the complex
- The combination of the above points makes it reasonable for the Council to reduce the effect of the impact on ratepayers in both the short and long term of this project.

Certified Builders chief executive, Derek Baxter, in The Dominion Post on April 15 2009, stated "...low interest rates, positive net migration, and inexpensive materials because of the exchange rate, so it is actually the perfect time to be building in this country."

The converting of the existing pool should reduce the on going operational cost to ratepayers by using modern materials and technical advances made since the pool was covered and heated 25 years ago and the pool constructed some 70 years ago.

The council needs to consider such factors that can be achieved, but not limited to, as follows:

- Use of solar energy to reduce the cost of heating the water and atmosphere of the pool complex. Any surplus power generated used or sold to subsidise other Council expenses, say street lighting power costs
- Reduce heat loss from the pool water and complex through a purpose built construction;
- Improve the acoustics within the pool complex and so enhance the environment and experience of the pool users;
- Actively sell advertising space (west wall) or obtain sponsorship (such as naming rights for the building or starting blocks) which can go to offsetting operational expenses.

Councillors or council staff stated, at the public meeting held on April 7th at the War Memorial Centre, "Taranaki does not need a third premier pool as New Plymouth and Hawera already have them". In response to this the swimming clubs within and outside of Taranaki consider the Stratford pool to be the premier indoor pool compared to the others and so holds a strategic position, however one needs to ask for how much longer?

Submission by: Andrew Wood
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I have attached an article from The Daily News dated April 9, in which the Taranaki Secondary Schools Swimming Championships were held at Stratford with 151 swimmers taking part.

If New Plymouth and Hawera had the so called premier pools as stated by Councillors or council staff, then why does the Stratford pool attract this competition, along with other club meets, Taranaki Winter Championship (Aug 08 attracted 497 swimmers)?

New Plymouth and Hawera only provide at best an aquatic experience. New Plymouth Aquatic Centre can only accommodate formal swim meets during the height of the summer season outdoors.

Hawera has a narrower indoor pool that impedes formal swim meets operating effectively, and their outside pool is the same as New Plymouth.

It should be noted that training camps for swims clubs inside and outside of Taranaki book into use the Stratford pool. Add to these the Master Games recently and the Independence Games held during April 2009.

The spin offs from the use of the pool to the local businesses can not be under rated. As the attached article mentions 151 swimmers, along with officials and supporters were in Stratford. Prior to this meet, like so many others, local businesses would have had patronage from these local and out of town people obtaining needed requirements for this event. After the meet businesses would have been called upon to feed and water the 151 very hungry swimmers, officials and supporters, along with other services needed.

With '**converting existing pool. New 25m x 25m pool**', larger national swim meets can be held in Stratford, which last several days, would have greater benefits for the business community in the way of increased sales and patronage. Which all feeds back into the Stratford District vision target of encouraging people in the rest of Taranaki and across New Zealand to have positive attitudes towards Stratford and assisting with economic growth.

The option that I support will allow for more flexible use of the pool complex by groups with different needs simultaneously. This will provide potential to increase the patronage of the facility.

I believe the option I am supporting should be seen as phase one, with the potential to develop the playground adjacent to the current complex into the aquatic experience. The nature of this area makes itself suitable for various slides, tunnels and other attractions leading into a pool at the bottom.

In conclusion I believe the Council needs to consider both the intrinsic and extrinsic factors that stem from the option of '**convert existing pool. New 25m x 25m pool**'. There are health issues, such as getting primary health providers to issue greens cards to patients to use the pool complex with the entry fee paid for by the health board. This is another area the Council can show leadership and promote the health benefits from using the pool complex to the wider community.

Other than the library there is no other facility operated by the Council that can provide to the community as a whole whether 5 months old or 105 years old, male, female, disabled or fully able persons, the opportunities to be actively involved or catered for.

I believe the pool provides a friendly and caring environment in which the young people, and not so young, can learn to gain self confidence, which translates beyond the pool to other activities such as academically and as a member of our community.

The direct and indirect impact on attracting people to Stratford and the potential opportunities for businesses, employment, social enhancement and achieving the Councils vision for Stratford can be strongly supported by the pool being upgraded.

At the public meeting held on April 7th at the War Memorial Centre, it was stated that it was not the quantity of submissions that counted but rather the quality.

The Council, when considering each submission, must remember the fact that these have come from the diverse people who make up the Stratford community and who all have varying degrees of communication skills and abilities. Therefore a submission of one sentence of three words is no less important than an extremely well researched submission of several hundred pages. The submitter of the submission of one sentence of three words is no less passionate about getting the option of '**convert existing pool - New 25m x 25m pool**' to be successful than any other person making a more in depth submission.



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Shaky ICL gives Bond a Black Caps opening

SHANE BOND'S renewed commitment to domestic four-day cricket and the Indian Cricket League's (ICL) uncertain future has New Zealand coach Andy Moles hoping the strike bowler may be able to resurrect his international career.

An outcast since signing for the un sanctioned ICL Twenty20 competition, Bond has indicated he plans to play a full season for Canterbury in 2009-10, not simply the limited overs competitions.

And if the cash-strapped ICL folds he

would again be available for international selection a year after cutting his ties with New Zealand Cricket.

The 33-year-old played the last of his 67 one-day internationals at the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies.

The ICL cancelled its most recent tournament while there has been reports of players being offered a release from their contracts.

Marquee players such as Bond have not been paid for more than a year.

Should the ICL continue there is a possibility it may be sanctioned by the

ICC board at its meeting in Dubai on April 21, removing another obstacle to a Bond comeback.

"If he was available I'm sure the selectors would look favourably because he gives us that extra pace," Moles said yesterday.

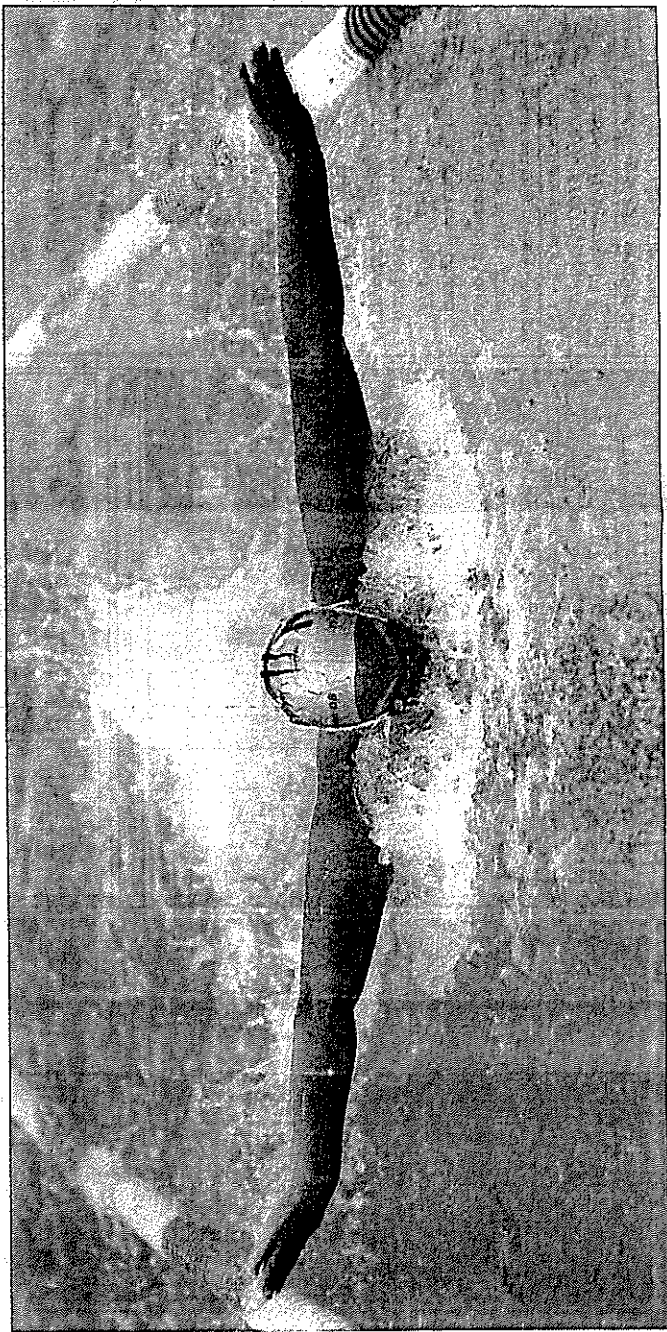
New Zealand's inability to dismiss India twice during its recent three-test series contributed to a 1-0 series loss.

Although Bond is unlikely to contemplate a return to test cricket he would be a valuable addition to the Twenty20 and one-day squads.

Another ICL-aligned former international, Daryl Tuffey, who took 23 first-class wickets at an average of 18.91 for Auckland this season ahead of the State Championship final, also interested Moles.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive Justin Vaughan welcomed the prospect of ICL players eventually being welcomed back to the fold.

"You want your national team to include the very best players and I think it's clear we haven't been able to do that in recent times," he said. NZPA



Tying home: Stratford High School's Ashley Rupapera powers her way to a new aranaki record in the senior girls' 50m butterfly at the Shell Todd Oil Services aranaki secondary schools swimming

championships in Stratford yesterday. Rupapera won the race in 31.45 seconds, shaving one hundredth of a second off the previous record of 31.46sec, held by Charlotte Webby.

Rupapera was also a member of the Stratford High School senior girls' medley relay team that recorded a time of 2.67sec, beating the old record time of 2.88sec.

Rupapera was one of 151 swimmers from 12 high schools taking part in the championships held at Stratford's TSB Pool.

Photo: ROBERT CHARLES

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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.

Name: Thomas Richard MASON

Address: 25 Orlando St; Stratford

Contact phone: 765-6303

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: _____

because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PARKING FOR DISABLED .

I have been instructed to write a submission to the Council with respect to Greypower concern re parking in the vicinity of the Post Office.

We have had numerous complaints from our members with respect to difficulty they experience when parking in front of the Post Office.

Parking is limited; often restricting the ability to open the door sufficiently wide enough to allow those with disability to safely alight or re-enter their vehicle .

A parking space, separated by a planter box, and situated on the northern side, nearest the Fire Station, lends itself as appropriate for the purpose of a Disability Car Park.

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Furthermore, for those who find difficulty in stepping up onto the footpath, a driveway into the rear of the Post Office provides a satisfactory relief from this obstacle.

Many elderly folk, myself included, prefer to park in Miranda Street, and walk through to Broadway via Prospero Place.

Simply because when you find that you can't turn your head and look over your shoulder to see that the roadway behind is clear, before reversing from a park.

Rear vision mirrors, or side mirrors are of little use when you find yourself parked alongside some of the larger vehicles, which appear more common to-day. One has to reverse almost half the length of your vehicle, into the oncoming traffic, before clear vision is available.

Since most elderly folk wear spectacles, and MUST DO SO, when driving, this can also create a problem when reversing from a car park, especially when looking over your shoulder and wearing bifocals.

We realise that it would be impossible for the Council to create car parking that would meet the needs of everyone, but respectfully request that some consideration be given to those with disability.

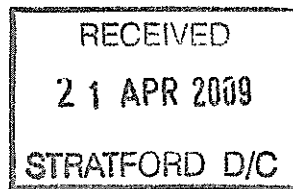
Who knows...it could be anyone of us...and sooner than we think.

For and on behalf of the Stratford District Greypower.

Yours faithfully



Deputy/Chairman
Stratford District Greypower



TSB POOL COMPLEX

Do nothing unless you have to – invest your \$250,000 and put it towards the 2.2 million option in 15 years time when the structure HAS to be replaced. (I know it will cost more then because of inflation)

FARM SALE

KEEP THE FARM. You don't sell land as you will never be able to buy it back – it's a great asset and will always give something back. Investing is never sure and you should NEVER invest unless you can afford to lose it. I don't think Std. can by the prices the district is having to pay for rates. Just look at what is happening all over the world and in Stratford too. Ordinary people like us have lost money. Even if you do sell in a better year, nothing is guaranteed and interest rates are always changing. Investing for remittance of rates is not a good idea as in 15 years those running council may well decide to use the money for something else.

WATER

How many people in N.Z. have died from drinking local water let alone in Stratford? Water quality is obviously o.k. in most places. Where do these "pen-pushers" and "know-it-alls" get their silly ideas from? I suggest you encourage people to put water tanks in to catch rain water – it doesn't cost anything except initially. I agree it seems that the reservoir needs rebuilding or strengthening. I think that at \$889 (2018) for water rates I'll stay in the country using my "dirty" 5000 gallon water tank. NB. I never get sick.

ROADS.

Most farmers buy properties whether or not the roads are tar-sealed so I don't think it should be a priority to up-grade them to tar-seal. Forestry owners should be paying the cost of the roads for logging trucks to pick up the logs. They are the people who will be getting the profit, so no, other people should not have to pay. The trucks should have weight and speed limits imposed. Meeting logging trucks on the road between Stratford and Toko can be rather intimidating.

EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

I think it is a lot of nonsense. We've had a colder March and April in 2009 than it was when I came to Taranaki in 1962 – 47 years ago – summer dresses and no jackets in May. Where on earth are you getting \$100,000 –? from the long-suffering rate payers I suppose. Perhaps you could STOP doing something to help raise the money – like new roading – like spoiling the wide streets of Stratford that are starting to look so cluttered – how many people have been knocked over crossing the side streets of Stratford?

FINANCIALS

It's time for Local Government to get together and tell Central Government to "pull their heads in" and stop causing Councils to have no choice but to put some of their rates up. For Goodness Sake Do Something. We ordinary people can't. You could also tell the locals to think a bit more about the things they want council to do as opposed to what they need council to do. I have to live within my means – why don't most of you?

MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.

Name: Mrs Pam Binnie

Address: 254 Raupunga Rd, R.D. 22 Str

Contact phone: 7622 268

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO

at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

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MY DETAILS

Without your details we cannot accept your submission.

Name: John O'Connor
Address: 4350 Mountain Road Ngaiere
Contact phone: 06 764 8811

I wish to speak to my submission: YES NO
at the Council meeting Thursday 7 May 2009 at 10.00am.

TSB POOL COMPLEX

My preferred option is to: Build a new Aquatic Centre
because: Good timing because of falling interest rates. Builders looking for work.

Please use additional paper, if required.

FORESTRY ROADS

My preferred option is to: _____
because: _____

Please use additional paper, if required.

FARM SALE

My preferred option is to: Keep the farm
because: its a very good income earner for the Council

Please use additional paper, if required.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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Submission. Water

I am amazed that water is not top of the list for future planning. I and my family feel that the price of water is too important ,so whatever is needed should be done.

We may not like the thought of paying for it but to ensure it is good quality is good enough.

I would hope that extra storage tanks are also included for collection of water, as we seem to have longer dry spells.

I also feel we need to ensure that we stagger the rebuilds so they are not all due for replacement at once.

I would also like to see that all the money from water costs are used only for water repairs or maintenance[,after the existing bill is paid,]

Perhaps any interest could be re directed in time.

Swimming Pool.

I think we should do minimal work on the pools until our water plants are updated.

The pool we have services the town very well and is a nice place my children enjoy.

Farm ; my only comment is ensure you get the better than best deal.

Thankyou.

Leeann Matthews.
12 Lear Street
Stratford.