

Community Update December 12, 2006 – Topographical Surveyors Appointed

Masterton District Council has appointed Masterton's TCB Adamson Land Surveyors to carry out a topographical survey of the Riversdale Beach community.

A topographical survey of the entire Riversdale Beach community is required in order for the design of the sewerage reticulation system within the community to be undertaken.

This survey will precede the formal public consultation phase of the project and the decision on which of the two sewerage scheme types to adopt, and on which of the three locations to build it.

Originally, it was proposed to undertake the topographical survey once consultation was complete. However the timeline for the final decision has been affected by unforeseen delays and it has been decided to proceed with the survey in the near future, given that it will be necessary irrespective of which scheme option is eventually selected.

This Update is to inform you that the survey will soon be commencing and that the surveyors will notify you prior to any works being undertaken on your property.

In the initial stages, the surveyors will not require entry to properties, as work will be restricted to the area within the road reserve boundary. Work will commence during the week beginning Monday 11 December and will continue until shortly before the Christmas break, when it will cease until early February.

When the survey work recommences it will extend onto private properties, and involve the location and excavation of relevant sections of existing septic systems, and the location of paths, driveways, and other features. This will enable the designers of the community reticulation system to ensure that as many properties as possible are able to have their effluent gravity-fed into the street mains, and will reduce as much as possible the need for property owners to install pumps.

The survey will also map out the locations of paths, driveways and other features and this will enable planning for on-property connections so that they take into consideration the specifics of each property.

It should be noted however, that in some instances where properties are low lying or a considerable distance from the street, the installation of pumps may be unavoidable.

You will be aware that Masterton District Council and your representatives the Riversdale Beach Sewerage Steering Group have agreed that the cost for on-property connections to the boundaries are to be met by individual property owners.

Should you have any questions about the surveying process or the work being done on your property during this time please contact Mike Shaw, from TCB Adamson's Land Surveyors

on (06) 377 1122. If your query relates to the sewerage scheme proposal itself or to work not involving the appointed surveyors then please contact Masterton District Council at riversdalesewerage@mstn.govt.nz or call (06) 378-9666.

Following this survey and the consultation period, it is hoped that a decision on a preferred scheme type and location will be made early in 2007. Once this decision has been made work will then be undertaken to survey the route of the proposed pumping main that will transport sewage to the treatment plant; to define and legalise easements for the pumping main, for power and for vehicular access; to produce a full topographical survey of the selected treatment plant site (as opposed to the community survey about to commence now) to allow detailed design to proceed; to define the boundaries of the treatment plant site; and to prepare a subdivision plan of the required land.

To recap once again, we are looking at two scheme types and three scheme locations:

- A pond-based scheme located in the reserve at the southern end of the Riversdale Beach community,
- A pond-based scheme on land to the south-west of the Riversdale Beach community, and
- A package type system on land to the west of the Riversdale Beach community.

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