

## **Tabled Report- Chair's Report 19 June 2024**

The Rangitikei District contains no City, only 3 rural towns and smaller villages. The Rural recreation assets outside of towns/villages have been under resourced and valued for years. Rural and farming people have different needs and different support systems, and their welfare should be of major concern to RDC.

We have 2 major resources-McIntyre Reserve in the North and Santoft Domain in the South. Never has there been more need to support and develop these assets.

Santoft Domain previous committees established a self-funding model. Hence the Domain Account hold at RDC. No ratepayer invoices have been part of this account. The account has monies from grazing, logging sales all generated on the Domain.

It has taken 39 years of saving \$130,000 of this fund, which we are now using to re-establish domain facilities. SDMC has not applied for Annual or Long-Term Council Plan funding.

The Resource Consent raises several issues for the Domain. Restrictions of use- 50 people max, only our meetings, beach walkers and orienteering. This will affect the self-funding model. The inclusion of hard seal carparking for 32 persons building, and the installation of vehicle crossing prior to the building commencing need to be dealt with urgently.

The lease of building footprint does not start until the final Code of Compliance is signed off by RDC, for the Santoft Domain Inc.

Currently, SDMC has a Project Manager and LVP Builder in place plus funds ready to start. Resource Consent in place but Building Consent (14 months on) still held up.

Questions on RDC different standards in rural public assets needs to be addressed by Council. Perhaps SDMC need to address Council at the next meeting so Councillors throughout the District are informed of the RMA implications?