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COUNCIL CONSULTS ON NAMING OF TARINGAMOTU & TAUMARUNUI-NGAPUKE ROADS

The Ruapehu District Council (RDC) roading team is consulting the residents of Taringamotu and Taumarunui-Ngapuke Roads over options for the naming of these roads to remove any potential for confusion over property addresses.

The consultation will include a public meeting on Thursday 20th October starting at 2:00pm in the Ngakonui Hall.

RDC Technical Services Coordinator, Andrea Nicol, said that residents are being asked to consider five separate options over the naming of Taringamotu Road and Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road with their feedback going back to the Taumarunui/Ohura Ward Committee for a final decision on the naming of the roads.

"The Taringamotu Road and Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road comprise one long adjoining road of around 27 km, however locally the two roads have been known as Taringamotu Road."

"Taringamotu Road at 764m long runs from the round-about at the end of Golf Road, adjacent to Taumarunui High School, to the end of the 50km/hr speed zone."

"Other than the road signage there is no visible change to mark that Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road begins at the end of the 50km/hr speed zone and runs for 26km through to State Highway 41."

Ms Nicol said that the issue appears to date from the days of the County and Borough but only came into focus when New Zealand Post advised in 2009 that they would no longer deliver mail to incorrect addresses.

"This created issues for a number of properties on Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road that were using Taringamotu Road as their address," she said.

"At the time (2009) Council addressed the issue by erecting a Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road sign at the beginning of the road and by writing to all affected residents to advise them of their correct address."

"However feedback to Council is that some residents whose address has been affected are not happy with the change and have asked Council if they can revert to Taringamotu Road."

"This would have an affect on all properties along Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road."

Ms Nicol said that the five options that will be put to residents are either; leave the situation as is, change the addresses of residents on Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road, a full Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road name change, a partial Taumarunui-Ngapuke Road name change, or change the name of both roads."

"As there are around 100 properties affected with pros and cons to every option, some of them quite complicated, residents are urged to come along to the meeting in the Ngakonui Hall so they can have their say and have any questions answered by Council's roading team."

"Consultation documents can be picked-up from Council's Huia Street office, downloaded from Council's website; www.ruapehudc.govt.nz or from the public meeting."

If anyone has any questions about the consultation process, or public meeting, please call Andrea Nicol at Council on 07 895 8188.

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Council is seeking feedback from residents over five proposed options for the naming of the Taumarunui-Ngapuke Rd and Taringamotu Rd.