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New Civic and Memorial Centre, library gets green light

Council has given the go-ahead to the new Matamata-Piako Civic and Memorial Centre, incorporating a larger library into the one new building.

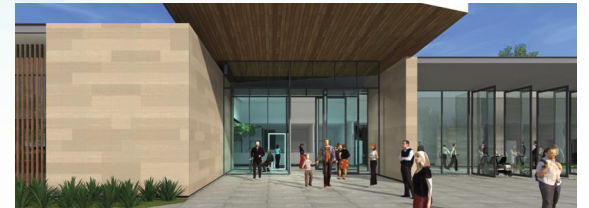
The main building contract has been awarded to Stanley Construction Ltd. The tender amount of \$5,488,787 plus GST was the lowest of five short-listed bidders and on a par with the estimated costs for the construction.

"We are delighted that a local Matamata contractor Stanley Construction was the lowest

bid," said Mayor Jan Barnes. "This is an exciting project and provides us with a facility that will serve the community for the next 50 years.

"With a new hall seating up to 360, a larger library and rooms for community groups to use and enjoy, many groups and individuals will make use of it in the years ahead."

The current Memorial Hall and some of the surrounding buildings will be demolished to make way for the new combined library, offices and hall. The only existing part of the complex to stay



Limited library and council services will be run from an adjacent temporary facility during the construction phase, which is expected to start in March with a contracted nine months to practical completion. "There will be some disruption to library services during this phase, but we will make every effort to minimise the impact on staff and customers," she said.

Rates notices have been posted

Rates notices have been posted and the last day for payment is February 27 to avoid penalties. A 10% additional charge will be added to any part of this third instalment which remains unpaid at 5pm, 27 February 2017. Here are some quick and easy ways to pay:

- by direct debit; visit www.mpdc.govt.nz/rates/payment-options for details
- by credit card; see mpdc.govt.nz/pay-my-rates to pay online
- in person and by mail.



If you tend to lose track of your rates bill among the pile of letters on the bench, or it sits in your email inbox and you forget about it, subscribe for a text reminder and we will send you a text two or three days before your rates are due.

Text 'subscribe rates' to 5801 to sign up for reminders; texts cost 20c per message. If you have not received your rate notice or need to check your account balance, call us on 0800 746467.

Community Ward Grants

Funding round opens 8 February and closes 17 March.

This is the second funding round for 2016/17; each ward has a budget of \$5,000 annually to assist in funding community based projects. Ward Councillors meet in late March to review applications and applicants will be notified in April.

Visit mpdc.govt.nz/grants-and-funding

Public Notice of Summary of Submissions on Proposed Plan Change

Clause 7 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Proposed Plan Change 47

The Matamata-Piako District Council has prepared a summary of submissions on the following plan change to the Matamata-Piako District Plan:

Proposed Plan Change 47 looks at the planning controls and the extent of zoning for Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha. Council needs to ensure that the right amount of land is zoned for housing and to accommodate new business or industrial activities.

The plan change may be viewed at any Council office or library, or online at www.mpdc.govt.nz/plan-your-town.

Submissions

The following persons may make a further submission on the plan change:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of public interest.
- Any person who has an interest in the proposed plan change greater than the interest that the general public has.



- Matamata-Piako District Council itself.

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to the Matamata-Piako District Council.

The submission must be made using (prescribed form) Form 6 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard. Copies of this form are available at mpdc.govt.nz/plan-your-town or at any Council office or library.

Submissions can be completed online, returned to PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342 or to any Council office, or scanned and emailed to submissions@mpdc.govt.nz. Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday, 1 March 2017. You must also send a copy of your submission to the original submitter within five working days of lodging your submission with Council.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the plan change under the Resource Management Act 1991 is as follows:

- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.
- The Matamata-Piako District Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the plan change and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the plan change to the Environment Court if, in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the plan change.

Please contact Mark Hamilton at mhamilton@mpdc.govt.nz or phone 07 884 0060 if you have any questions about the plan change.

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