



6 June 2018

Presentation to the Po Tu Te Rangi Harding Park Governance Committee

Kia Ora,

Re: Dargaville Community Surveillance Project

The Dargaville Community Development Board in partnership with the Police and the Dargaville Business Forum, are proud to announce we are in the final stages of planning a CCTV surveillance system for Dargaville. The "Dargaville Community Surveillance Project" is an initiative that will see CCTV cameras installed in carefully selected areas to combat crime, and increase public safety and confidence.

The Dargaville Police have determined that installing CCTV is necessary, and Dargaville are lagging behind comparable towns in Northland in this regard. A detailed crime assessment was completed by the Police and it has identified that the majority of crime in Dargaville and surrounds is committed in the CBD and there are specific areas where CCTV will have the most impact in combating crime.

The Dargaville Community Development Board are responding to this need, and through hard work, and enthusiastic support for the project, sufficient funding has been gained to implement 'Stage One'.

'Stage One' involves installing observation screens and recording technology at the Dargaville Police Station. The system is wireless and requires a transmitter and receiver installed on a high point in close proximity but facing Dargaville township, ie Po Tu Te Rangi Harding Park, which will connect strategic cameras in the Dargaville CBD directly to the Police station. 'Stage One' will also include installation of many cameras in priority locations.

The infrastructure chosen for this project can eventually support 128 cameras at any one time if required.. This provides an opportunity for community partners to add their cameras to the network. There is no limit to how many cameras the network will support as additional recording capability/channels can be added in the future.

Having one surveillance system for Dargaville will not only support proactive Policing through 24 hour monitoring, but simplify the sharing of CCTV footage when it can be recorded at the Police Station or on a business premise, and importantly be compatible to the Police allowing easy access when required. The calibre of the cameras and, therefore, recorded footage, is of a high standard to allow easy identification of offenders and is of evidential quality for any follow up action required.

The vital key to this project becoming a reality is the positioning and installation of the transmitter within the grounds of Po Tu Te Rangi Harding Park being the highest point in close proximity with an expansive view of the Dargaville CBD. Initially, it was considered that the best position for the transmitter tower would be on the Dargaville Museum building, however, the transmitter weighs approximately 200 kg and would require fixings that may disrupt the integrity of the building structure. On reviewing the location of the tower and transmitter at Po Tu Te Rangi Harding Park, a site was

suggested next to the existing water tank which would provide a better line of sight to Dargaville township to get the project underway and both Ruawai and Baylys Beach for future expansion.

The construction of the tower and transmitter tower will be based on an engineered concrete pad, a steel framed tower, approximately 19.2 metres high, on which will sit the transmitter tower (as depicted in the drawing). The base tower is able to be lowered down for maintenance and a security skirt on the tower or security fencing will be installed to keep the public off the structure. Guide wires will also be needed to keep the structure secure.

The Dargaville community support for the initiative is very high and funding for the initial stages of the project has been received from Pub Charity Limited, Lotteries Foundation, and Kaipara District Council. Stage One of the project is well underway with the infrastructure installed at the Police Station, the purchase of the cameras and camera placement has been confirmed. The final and a crucial component of the project is the construction/installation of the transmitter tower. Once the tower is in place, it will be a matter of weeks before the system is up and running.

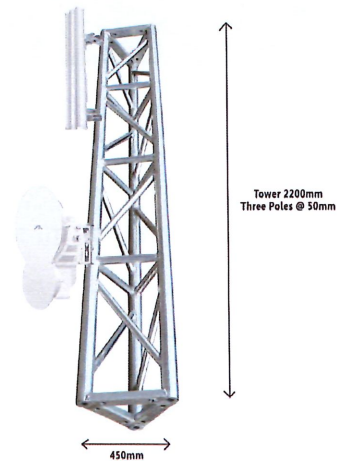
We welcome and trust that your involvement in this project signifies how important it is for the Dargaville community to stick together and to keep our community a safe place to live and work.

Thank you for your time this morning.

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