

Inspection of Patea canoe shows more work needed

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THE cost of restoring Turi's canoe in Patea is likely to be higher than the originally estimated figure of \$23,690.

Investigations carried out by a Wanganui firm, Emmett Bros Ltd, found there were no reinforcing rods in the bottom blocks and in a report to this week's Patea Community Board meeting said there was no alternative but to replace the bottom blocks. Wilf Emmett informed works and services manager George Bird that there was insuff-

cient stability in the structure to withstand earthquake movement.

Funding had been available to carry out the restoration project to \$23,690 but with the extra work it is now estimated to cost \$29,500.

At last month's board meeting approval was given for \$1000 from the unallocated grants and subsidies account be allocated to the restoration project. Emmetts' report to the May meeting was received by the board and work was approved.

Gratitude has also been expressed to the South Taranaki District Council by residents of the Waitotara Valley road for the work done to clear its road of slips. The letter, from the Ngamatapouri Community Club congratulated the board on the well maintained road, saying valley residents appreciated its work in the area.

A request to have a telephone installed at Waverley Beach has been decline by Telecom. The matter was initially raised at February's board meeting, where it was suggested a phone be installed at the beach store. On April 23 Telecom confirmed its previous verbal advice that the request had been considered and declined.

In a report compiled by the South Taranaki District Council, and presented at Monday's meeting it was noted that Telecom have approved one new payphone installation in South Taranaki of the last three requested. In addition two are to be removed — Glover Rd and Ohawe Beach.

The report said since Telecom had become a SOE the main criteria for approving, public telephones has been the commercial viability of each phone.