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HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2009,
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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, 3 December 2008

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Massey Community Board held on Wednesday, 3 December 2008.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



5 PRESENTATION

Provision has been made on this Agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Board on matters in the Massey Ward.



6 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's report.

REPORT

1. Just before Christmas, the Chief Executive Officer received the resignation from Micheal Neeson from his elected position as a member of the Massey Community Board. The other members of the Board are disappointed it was necessary for him to resign and his resignation has now necessitated a by-election to be called to fill the vacancy created. The cost of this by-election is an unbudgeted cost on the ratepayers and the community, which is in the vicinity of \$90,000. His resignation also highlights the cost of democracy, not only to the ratepayer but also to those candidates who now seek to fill this vacant position on the Board. Standing for office as a Councillor or Community Board Member is not cheap and those who stand need to weigh up the cost to both themselves and to the ratepayer before proceeding in what is, if elected, a three year commitment of service to the community. The position needs a dedication to act, as is required in the Local Government Act 2002, as an advocate for the community for the length of that term, unless circumstances beyond the elected members control determine otherwise. We do wish Micheal well in his career in Australia.

2. Christmas and the festive season is important and is special for all of us, no matter how old we are. Many people go out of their way to make the season even more joyous for us all. I drive around the Massey Ward on regular occasions in order to get the feel for the area I represent. The December/January period is always an uplifting time, just to see the Christmas lights that people decorate their back yards with which I am sure inspires us all with their very open display of the Christmas spirit. The Massey Ward has many light displays and I certainly will not have captured all the addresses, however, I would like to thank the following; Herald Island Resident and Ratepayers for the lights on the tree on the Causeway. The residents at 62 Ferry Parade Herald Island, 5 Clearwater Cove, 1 Javelin Place, 150 West Harbour Drive, 40 and 47 Broadfield Road, 88 and 90 Waimumu Road and the house in behind the Baptist Church in Swanson Road. These homes are just a few of the homes that share a season spirit that hopefully we all enjoy and share with our friends and family.
3. On behalf of the residents in Ranui and those who reside in the Western Heights portion of the Massey Ward, may I congratulate David Hallet and the Western Heights Resident and Ratepayers Association, who worked so hard to bring about a change to the siting of the proposed rail stabling yard. The case as presented by the Western Heights Residents & Ratepayers had an influence on the Auckland Regional Transport Authority's (ARTA) decision to change the site that would have been at the end of Brick Lane and over looking the Braeburn Estate. The Massey Community Board is pleased that the ratepayers group were in a position to advocate strongly to have the stabling yard re-sited and were pleased to be able to support the Western Heights Residents & Ratepayers in advocating to ARTA, that the Brick Lane site was not suitable. The noise, dust and other nuisances would have affected many of the residents living in streets off Metcalf Road in Ranui, not to mention those in the Braeburn Estate. Congratulations, on a job well done.
4. 2009 promises to be an eventful year, in fact an historic one for local government. The Royal Commission is set to report on the future of Auckland Governance at the end of March. Whatever the outcome, the Minister of Local Government plans to visit our Community Board on 7 October 2009. By then we will know whether Community Boards as we know them will be a thing of the past, or revamped in order to strengthen local democracy and decision making. Currently we do have a significant role to play as advocates for the community we serve, yet it is hard advertising that role and encouraging people to use our services more. I believe it is an important role and one that needs more encouragement, and explanation from Council and the media, as to the benefits it can mean for the areas we serve.
5. Finally, local Massey resident Evelyn Maria Tobin, JP of Waitakere was awarded a MNZM in the New Years Honours list for services to Te Reo. Evelyn is heavily involved in the Massey Community. Congratulations Evelyn. Also a reminder that on Monday, 9 February 2009 we have a Parks workshop starting at 5.30 pm with Grant Jennings, Service Manager: Parks & Open Spaces.

JG Riddell
CHAIRMAN






8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Committee Secretary's Report for the Massey Community Board dated 4 February 2009.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Zita Maria Park Playground Upgrade Officer's Report	The playground at Zita Maria Park is being upgraded in 2008/2009 as part of Council's ongoing playground renewal programme. Building consents have been lodged and it is anticipated that physical works will commence in February/March 2009.	Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969
2.	Zita Maria Park Car Park Upgrade Officer's Report	The car park at Zita Maria Park is being upgraded in 2008/2009 as part of Council's ongoing car park renewal programme. The car park and accessway will be resealed, along with minor kerb and channel repairs, bollard realignment, and line marking. The project was publicly tendered as one contract with other reserve car park renewal projects in October 2008. Physical works for this contract are scheduled to be completed by March 2009.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553
3.	Fred Taylor Park Car Park Upgrade Officer's Report	The entrance to Fred Taylor Park off State Highway 16 is being upgraded in 2008/2009 as part of Council's ongoing car park renewal programme. The entrance and accessway will be realigned, improving the safety for cars entering and exiting the park. The works will involve kerb and channel construction, resealing, bollard realignment, and line marking. The project was publicly tendered as one contract with other reserve car park renewal projects in October 2008. Physical works for this contract are scheduled to be completed by March 2009.	Andreas Lilley  836 8000 Ext: 8553

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
4.	Fred Taylor Park Sand Field Upgrade Officer's Report	The upgrade of the number one sand field at Fred Taylor Park (below the clubrooms) is in progress. Works involve establishing a new sand carpet with new turf, and associated drainage and irrigation improvements. User groups have been reallocated at alternative locations. The field will be unavailable for use until May 2009.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
5.	Moire Park Sand Field Upgrade Officer's Report	The upgrade of the number one sand field at Moire Park (in front of the Massey Rugby Club) is in progress. Works involve establishing a new sand carpet with new turf, and associated drainage and irrigation improvements. User groups have been reallocated at alternative locations. The field will be unavailable for use until May 2009.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
6.	Realm Esplanade Footbridge Upgrade Officer's Report	The Realm Esplanade footbridge to Moire Park is being upgraded in 2008/2009 as part of Council's ongoing structures renewal programme. Design work on the upgrade is currently being undertaken, with physical works scheduled to commence in March 2009 and be completed by April 2009.	Ian Lamont ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303
7.	Community Board Minor Parks Projects 2008/2009 Officer's Report	A report outlining the proposals received for the Minor Parks Projects for the Massey Ward will be presented to the Massey Community Board in March 2009.	Sarah Natac ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8561
8.	Reynella Reserve Playground Upgrade Officer's Report	The playground at Reynella Reserve is planned to be upgraded in the 2009/2010 financial year as part of Council's ongoing playground renewal programme. The playground design is currently being undertaken in 2008/2009. The playground design is currently being developed incorporating the feedback received from the community mail drop.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969

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	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
9.	Parking Stakeholder Consultation Officer's Report	<p>Parking stakeholder consultation with developers, businesses and town centre residents was undertaken in November and December 2008. The Manager Transport Strategy's report to the Directors Group, summarising these discussions, is attached at pages A1 to A2.</p> <p>The closing time for submissions was extended from 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2008 to noon on Wednesday, 24 December 2008.</p> <p>66 submissions were received by noon on Wednesday, 24 December 2008, including several from people not approached by Council officers during the consultation process. 19 submitters preferred to remain anonymous. A full report will be presented to the Policy and Strategy Committee at its meeting to be held on Thursday, 5 February 2009.</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8854</p>

COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY		
Report Name	Committee	Attachment Pages
Greater Auckland Regional Sporting Facilities Plan	Policy and Strategy Committee	Report and attachments will be circulated under separate cover as a Supplement.
Proposed Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Policy and Strategy Committee	Report and attachments will be circulated under separate cover as a Supplement.

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Marina View Drive, West Harbour - New Bus Stand Restriction	Resolution No. 2048/2007 July 2007	5 March 2009	Jane Harris ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8287
Berkshire Terrace, Massey Issues	Resolution No. 1356/2008 August 2008	5 March 2009	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Pedestrian and Jogging Track Whenuapai Village, Whenuapai	Resolution No. 1741/2008 October 2008	5 March 2009	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736
Footpaths, Roadside Drains and Roadside Parking, Whenuapai Village, Whenuapai	Resolution No. 1741/2008 October 2008	5 March 2009	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736
Kauri Road/Brigham Creek Road - Change of Give Way Control to Stop Control	Resolution No. 1865/2008 November 2008	3 June 2009	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736

Report prepared by: Desiree Tukutama, Committee Secretary.



9 **WEST HARBOUR DRIVE / MOIRE ROAD / OREIL AVENUE - CHANGE OF GIVE WAY CONTROLS TO STOP CONTROLS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Massey Community Board's approval for the change of give way controls to stop controls at the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue intersection to address traffic safety concerns at this intersection.

No consultation is required for the change of give way controls to stop controls.

Three options were considered; to install stop controls, leave the intersection as give way controls, or install a roundabout.

This report was submitted to the Massey Community Board meeting held on 5 November 2008 where it was resolved to defer the report until a roundabout investigation was completed. As Council staff believe a roundabout is not practical at this intersection, the original report is being resubmitted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue - Change of Give Way Controls to Stop Controls report.

2. **Approve** that in relation to **WEST HARBOUR DRIVE, WEST HARBOUR:**
- (a) all existing parking restrictions or limitations currently applicable to **WEST HARBOUR DRIVE**, imposed by any prior resolution (including resolutions of any former authority), that are affected, or superseded, or replaced by part (b) of this resolution, cease to have any force and effect as from the date of this determination provided however that any current enforcement action by way of prosecution arising from, or infringement notice issued in relation to, any non-compliance with or breach of any such parking restriction or limitation be authorised to be concluded in the normal manner, and
 - (b) in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following control be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) that a new **STOP** control be put in place on **WEST HARBOUR DRIVE** where it intersects with **MOIRE ROAD**.
3. **Approve** that in relation to **OREIL AVENUE, WEST HARBOUR:**
- (a) all existing parking restrictions or limitations currently applicable to **OREIL AVENUE**, imposed by any prior resolution (including resolutions of any former authority), that are affected, or superseded, or replaced by part (b) of this resolution, cease to have any force and effect as from the date of this determination provided however that any current enforcement action by way of prosecution arising from, or infringement notice issued in relation to, any non-compliance with or breach of any such parking restriction or limitation be authorised to be concluded in the normal manner, and
 - (b) in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following control be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) that a new **STOP** control be put in place on **OREIL AVENUE** where it intersects with **MOIRE ROAD**.
4. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 - Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said control.

BACKGROUND

1. Following traffic safety concerns raised by a local resident at the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue intersection, the Council has investigated options for improvements.
2. At the Massey Community Board meeting held on 5 November 2008 the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue, West Harbour - Change of Give Way Controls to Stop Controls was submitted and the Community Board resolved as follows:

“The Massey Community Board resolved to:

Defer item 9: West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oriel Avenue, West Harbour – Change of Give Way Controls to Stop Controls until such time as the pending report, Roundabout Installation Investigation – Intersection Moire Road / West Harbour Drive / Oriel Avenue, has been received by the Massey Community Board, to ensure both issues are taken into consideration when making a final decision.”

3. This report is being re-submitted as Council staff believe a roundabout is not justified at this intersection and the reasons are given under Issues of this report.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

4. Moire Road is a district arterial road and carries traffic volumes of approximately 12,000 vehicles per day. West Harbour Drive and Oreil Avenue are local roads and carry around 2,000 and 3,000 vehicles per day respectively.
5. A search of the New Zealand Transport Agency database shows that for the past five years there have been seven reported accidents at the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue intersection. Five of these accidents occurred during hours of darkness.
6. There are existing give way controls at this intersection, but sightlines from the West Harbour Drive approach justify stop controls.
7. A street lighting review was carried out and increased levels of lighting will be programmed for implementation in 2009/2010.
8. The reasons that Council staff believe a roundabout is not practical at this intersection is as follows:
 - (a) There are regular bus services which turn from Moire Road into Oriel Avenue. Expensive road widening would likely be required in order to build a roundabout that avoids buses having to uncomfortably drive over a high central island;
 - (b) The offset alignment of Oriel Avenue and West Harbour Drive makes the geometry of a roundabout difficult to achieve; and
 - (c) Five of the seven reported accidents occurred at night. Improved street lighting is a proven method of reducing night-time accidents, and is therefore a more expedient measure to install at this stage, along with a new stop control.

Options Identified

9. Three options were considered; to install stop controls, leave the intersection as give way controls, or install a roundabout.
10. The installation of stop controls at the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue intersection will improve traffic safety for all road users.

Consideration of Community Views

11. Community consultation is not necessary for this proposal.

Preferred Option

12. The preferred option is to install new stop controls at the West Harbour Drive / Moire Road / Oreil Avenue intersection, as shown on at page A3. Street lighting will also be upgraded as necessary to address night time accidents. The cost of installing a roundabout cannot be justified at this stage due to the high cost.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

13. Council's Integrated Transport and Communication platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe City travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally-responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.
14. Stop controls can be applied to ensure clarity of priorities and the safe movement on roads.

CONSULTATION

15. No consultation is required for the change of give way controls to stop controls.

RESOURCES

16. The proposed works can be funded from the Annual Plan 2008/2009 maintenance budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

17. There are no implementation issues.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



10 COMMUNITY WELLBEING LOCAL FUND ALLOCATION - FEBRUARY 2009

GLOSSARY

Massey Community Board	(MCB)
Community Wellbeing Local Fund	(CWLF)
Community Assistance Fund Policy and Guidelines	(Policy and Guidelines)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Massey Community Board (MCB) with information related to the Massey Ward applications to the Community Wellbeing Local Fund (CWLF).

Three Massey Ward applications were received for the second round of the CWLF and all are deemed eligible by Council's Community Grants Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Massey Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Community Wellbeing Local Fund Allocation - February 2009 report.
2. **Agree** to consider Massey Ward applications to the Community Wellbeing Local Fund Allocation - February 2009 and allocate funding as per the Community Assistance Fund Policy and Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

1. The CWLF provides small sums of monetary assistance in the way of grants to a wide range of groups in the community, who provide local services and activities on a voluntary or 'not-for-profit' basis.
2. The Council allocates an amount of \$113,000, of which \$56,000 is allocated to Citywide projects by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee. The balance is allocated to each Community Board on a ward population basis.
3. In May 2008 a final workshop was held with all four Community Boards. At the workshop the Community Boards agreed:
 - To have three rounds per financial year from each ward;
 - The criteria be expanded to include applications from individuals;
 - That every eligible applicant be given the opportunity to present their application to the respective Community Board;
 - To enable organisations to apply for cultural activities;
 - That catering costs may only be accepted as part of a larger programme or activity to a maximum sum of \$250; and
 - In general, support will not be provided to organisations that request assistance for activities that promote religious and or political beliefs unless they are proven to have community benefit.
4. In April 2008, the Finance and Operational Performance Committee agreed to the criteria of the Community Wellbeing Grants:

“2 *Approve the recommended option for the Community Assistance Funds restructure and policy development.*”

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DECISION MAKING

Issues

Promotion

5. The following methods were used to advertise and promote the CWLF:
 - Two advertisements in the Western Leader;
 - Community Assistance Newsletter - posted to 1,000 community groups;
 - CWLF workshops;
 - Waitakere City Council website;
 - Information and application forms were provided to, all libraries, Community Centres and Citizen's Advice Bureaux.
6. Although significant advertising of the CWLF was undertaken, it is of concern that there were a low number of applications submitted. Therefore, it is proposed that regular reviews take place to identify ongoing improvements in the promotion of the CWLF.

Assessment of Options

7. The MCB has three eligible applications to consider for financial assistance with the total amount requested being \$3,665. The maximum amount each applicant may apply for is \$1,500.

8. The Community Grants Officer has assessed each application against the Community Assistance Funds Policy and Guidelines (Policy and Guidelines) and deems all of the applications to be eligible for consideration by the MCB. Below is a list of the three eligible applications and the amounts requested.

	Amount Applied for
Colwill Kindergarten Committee	\$1,541.00
Te Reo Tohu Aroha Te Kohanga Reo	\$1,500.00
Massey Kindergarten	\$624.00
TOTAL	\$3,665.00

9. The total amount available for the 2008/2009 financial year is \$15,000. After the first allocation of funds given in 2008/2009 a balance of \$12,622.92 remains for the 2008/2009 financial year.
10. All applications have been sorted from highest to lowest in terms of their eligibility by the Community Grants Officer. This assessment has been based on the information provided in the application and aligned to the eligibility criteria under the Policy and Guidelines.
- A4-A6 11. It was confirmed by the Community Boards and the Community Grants Officer, that funds through the Community Boards should be available throughout the year, to include applications from individuals and that every applicant may present their applications to the appropriate Community Board for decision. Once the decision has been reached at the Community Board meeting, confirmation of payment to the applicant if forwarded to the Community Grants Officer to distribute to the successful applicants. All other conditions are set out by the individual Community Boards. The summaries of the applications are attached at pages A4 to A6.
12. The Council's Community Grants Officer recommends that the MCB work through the applications in order, making an allocation on each application.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

13. The Local Government Act 2002 states that as part of the preparation of the Long Term Council Community Plan a set of community outcomes must be identified for the City. The Council takes these into account in the formulation of its strategic direction and budgeting and provides a mandated set of strategic outcomes to assess grants.
14. A number of the Council's Community Outcomes and the Council's Strategic Platforms and Priorities have a strong connection to social wellbeing. The Community Outcomes and Strategic Platforms and Priorities are key areas for which the Community Wellbeing Fund are assessed against. The key Community Outcomes include; Strong Communities, Toiora, Urban and Rural Villages and Working Together. The Council Platforms are Strong Communities and Urban and Rural Villages.

CONSULTATION

15. Consultation on the CWLF was held with Council officers, Community Boards and external clients and organisations.

RESOURCES

16. MCB has a total of \$15,000 to allocate to during 2008/2009 financial year. As of the February 2009 round \$12,622.92 remains under the 2008/2009 financial year.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

17. There are no implementation issues associated with this report.

Report prepared by: Kim Hammond, Community Grants Officer.



11 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
New Zealand Transport Agency	(NZTA)
Project Twin Streams	(PTS)
Waitakere City Council	(WCC)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Massey Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams (PTS) outcomes from February 2008 to December 2008.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Project Twin Streams Update report.

BACKGROUND

1. PTS is an innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruheru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated stormwater management and the restoration of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with a sustainable community development approach. The PTS catchment has a population of 103,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.
2. Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) provided grant funding of \$40 million over a 10 year period from 2003-2012 for stream restoration work on the Opanuku, Oratia, Waikumete, Pixie, Swanson and Paremuka Streams, as well as the Henderson Creek. The project broadly aims to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse stormwater effects in ways that also achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes. A further \$5.2 million was received to build 10 kilometres of new cycle and walkways alongside 3 of the streams in the PTS catchment.
3. The purpose or kaupapa for PTS is: *Working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.*
4. The point of difference of PTS from other environmental projects is that it takes a sustainable community development approach. The assumptions underpinning this approach are:
 - People are more likely to make changes in behaviour when they understand the problem and are part of identifying the solutions;

- Local communities are more knowledgeable for engaging local people;
 - Each community has its own diverse characteristics;
 - Creative learning methods that engage with people's hearts and minds are more effective in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change; and
 - A partnership approach between communities; local, regional and central government, non-government organisations and local people will be a very effective way of achieving long-term change towards sustainability.
5. Sustainable Communities programme has had a significant role in supporting and resourcing the quadruple bottom line aspects of PTS.

DECISION MAKING

Planting and Maintenance Programme

6. PTS is showing evidence of extensive planting of eco sourced native plants forming riparian corridors which form the backbone of the Green Network and links the Waitakere Ranges to the Waitemata Harbour.

Highlights and Progress from Last Update - February 2008 to December 2008

Description	2008	Cumulative Progress to Date
Number of plants planted:		382,421
Community	77,988	
Contractors	20,963	
Number of Community Groups	6	6
Number of Volunteers (individuals)	4,460	14,726
Number of Groups	65	154

Community Contract Organisation	Catchment/ Stream	Total Number of Community Groups
Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi	Swanson	12
Community Waitakere	Henderson	11
Corban Estate Arts Centre	Opanuku	13
Ecomatters Environment Trust	Waikumete	9
McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative	Oratia	19
Rutherford College	Pixie	1

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

7. A key goal of PTS is to build community ownership of the project in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. This is being achieved through contracts with community-based organisations to deliver PTS in their communities. This means that local organisations with local knowledge are the driving force of the project.

8. The following is a brief update of some of the achievements from each of the contract areas:
- **Ranui-Massey** - This project is being delivered by **Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi** in association with the Ranui Action Project and covers the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek. This is the first PTS community contract and has now achieved 100 percent adoption of public areas along the stream banks by ten local groups including 3 schools – this includes taking responsibility for site preparation, planting and maintenance. A focus for Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi has been successfully engaging a number of youth at risk groups in stream restoration activities. Te Piataata Trust, a group who work with at-risk youth recently won a Green Ribbon Award for their dedicated work on PTS. This achievement was recognised by a celebration mayoral tea held in the Council Chambers. Community groups planted 22,706 plants during 2008.
 - Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangitahi (the contract holder for PTS Ranui-Massey) are working with Unitec to develop appropriate unit standards so that youth at risk groups working regularly on stream restoration have the opportunity to develop skill recognition for their work.
 - **Henderson - Community Waitakere** are actively engaging residents and groups in the Henderson area to restore Henderson Creek. Community Waitakere now have 11 community groups working regularly on the stream, including two schools. They play a leading role in facilitating and developing a partnership arrangement between community contract organisations and Council. Community groups planted 12,344 plants during 2008.
 - **Henderson Valley - Corban Estate Arts Centre** is delivering this contract in association with Waitakere Pacific Arts & Cultural Trust to restore the Lower Opanuku Stream as far as Border Road. The stream in this area is now a great showcase for what communities can achieve, engaging 13 groups to adopt areas on the Opanuku streamside, and the development of the Friends of Opanuku group. This is a volunteer group consisting of local residents who meet regularly for plantings, maintenance work, workshops and to support the coordinator and the project in various ways. Community groups planted 11,280 plants during 2008.
 - **Glen Eden** - covering Waikumete Stream. This community contract is being delivered by **EcoMatters Environment Trust** in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School. Nine community groups and local businesses are actively engaged in the stream restoration work including a whanau group of parents, pre-schoolers and home-schoolers. A local community reference group has been formed to support and advise the coordinator and to participate in planning the implementation of the project in Glen Eden. Community groups planted 16,081 plants during 2008.
 - **McLaren Park** - is being delivered by **McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative** and covers the lower Oratia Stream. The local community planted 14,702 plants in 2008. A community edible garden was established beside the stream off Millbrook Road as a novel way of engaging the local community while educating about healthy eating, composting, worm farming, and general organic gardening methods. This is one of the many innovative ways that PTS community coordinators use to get people down to the streams, enjoying the environment and the company of their neighbours.

- **Swanson** - In 2007, a local resident from Swanson was contracted to engage residents in the restoration of Swanson Stream. This approach realised a number of immediate benefits such as all the public areas being planted and the Redwood Park Golf Club. A good relationship has been established over 2007 with the Redwood Park Golf Club and Swanson School continues to participate in a regular planting and maintenance programme. Community groups planted 875 plants during 2008.
9. This community development model is proving extremely successful in facilitating diverse and significant community engagement in PTS. PTS has reached the point where local communities are committed to active participation and engagement in stream restoration activities and making streams the heart of their local neighbourhoods.

Creative Processes

10. Using creative learning methods to engage people's hearts and minds in reconnecting with their natural environment and healing the planet is proving to be an essential tool in the success of the stream restoration programme of PTS. It also provides a tangible and fun way for people, particularly children to engage in activities to strengthen their connection to sense of place and the special significance of the Waitakere waterways as they flow from the Ranges to the sea.

Participants	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Primary Schools	3	7	8
After School Groups (Primary to Intermediate)	2		
Intermediate Schools		1	2
High Schools		3	4
Primary to High School			1
Adult Groups	2	4	4
Social Teen Group	1		2
Alternative Education Teen Groups	1		2
Scout Group	1		
Dance School Group		1	
Pre School		1	1
Social Teen Groups			2

11. The table above clearly indicates that the creative engagement programme is gaining momentum, for example there are now 8 primary schools in 2007/2008 compared to 3 in 2005/2006.
12. The Kids 4 Drama School of Performing Arts visited 30 primary and intermediate schools in the PTS area during April 2008 with their latest production "Kimi and Kane : The Stream Protectors". This production built on the storyline from the very successful previous year's tour and provided an opportunity to emphasise some of PTS's key messages around ensuring storm water drains only drain rain, and the importance of not littering. The script had input from the PTS team at council and community level.

13. Kids 4 Drama provided the teachers of each class attending the show with a teacher's resource sheet giving suggestions for questions and exercises using the New Zealand School Arts Curriculum that reinforced the learning from the production. They also held a competition for children to send a letter to Kimi and Kane telling them what they learned from the performance and how they were going to play their part in protecting our streams in the future. There was a great response to this with several hundred entries received. Prizes included individual drama lessons and a whole class drama workshop with the Kids 4 Drama team.
14. Capturing the imagination of children through drama productions of this kind is proving to be an effective way to raise awareness of environmental issues and educate children about how they can all play a part in helping to heal our streams now as well as protect them into the future.

Walk and Cycleways

15. In 2004 an application was approved by Auckland Regional Holdings for \$5.2 million to construct walk and cycleways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. An additional subsidy of \$3.4 million from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has also been approved.
16. Finding creative opportunities to connect people to their natural environment and the streams is key to PTS. Including art in the walk/cycleways also is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Waitakere and provide a sense of community ownership and an incentive for people to use them. Many of the art initiatives involve collaborations with key stakeholders in PTS including Te Kawarau a Maki, Ngāti Whatua and the local schools and communities.
17. One of the key projects for 2008 was significant progress on the construction of the PTS walk/cycleways. When completed, the 6 pathways, totalling 10 kilometres will connect people with each other and their natural environment and include art tiles depicting local flora, fauna, cultural and iwi stories together with educational signs and a demonstration area for permeable paving.

Update on Construction

18. Outlined below is progress on construction to date:
 - The Oratia segment from Parrs Cross Road to Millbrook Road is complete and a final completion certificate has been issued;
 - The Lower Opanuku segment extending from Great North Road through Corban Estate to Border Road is complete and a practical completion certificate has been issued;
 - The Lower Waikumete segment from Seymour Road through a purpose-built wetland to intersect with the Oratia segment is complete;
 - Construction of the 3 bridges over the Oratia and Opanuku streams is complete and a practical completion certificate has been issued;
 - The Millbrook Road segment extending from the Oratia segment to the Pioneer Street footbridge on Vitasovich Avenue is complete. This also includes the link from Great North Road to the cycleway behind Pak'n Save on Alderman Drive;
 - The design for the Upper Waikumete segment from Ceramco Park to Savoy Road is complete. Resource and building consents have been approved. The construction contract has been tendered and the tenders are being evaluated. Construction will commence in January 2009;
 - The design for the Upper Opanuku segment from Border Road to Henderson Valley Road is complete. Auckland Regional Council (ARC) resource consent and Waitakere City Council (WCC) building consent have been approved. The construction contract will be tendered once the WCC resource consent has been approved. Construction will commence in February 2009; and

- Applications for funding for lighting the walk/cycleways were made to NZTA and the Energy Commission. The application to the NZTA for an additional \$1.2 million was successful. If the application to the Energy Commission is successful, a contract for the design and construction of the lighting will be let in January 2009.

Property Purchases and Covenants

19. To date, 78 properties have been purchased for stormwater management and riparian margin development.
20. Part property purchases and 95 covenants over private properties are progressing well for the extension of the riparian margins. It is anticipated that this process will be completed by the end of June 2009.

Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi

21. There continues to be strong support from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua for PTS:
 - There is ongoing consultation and relationship between PTS and local iwi;
 - Both iwi were involved in designing art works for the walk/cycleways representing their connection to the land;
 - A contract was concluded with Ngati Whatua for the riparian margin restoration on one of the PTS tributaries utilising traditional (cultural) restoration methods; and
 - A Pa Harakeke (native flax garden) site along the Opanuku Stream is currently being designed. The initial funding for this project was from Sustainable Communities and is being lead by PTS Opanuku in consultation with Te Kawerau a Maki, UNITEC, Manaaki Whenua and local weavers.

Future Works for Project Twin Streams

22. Future works to be undertaken for Project Twin Streams are as follows:
 - There are two planting seasons left;
 - Extending the restoration work to other urban streams and upper reaches of Opanuku, Oratia and Swanson Streams; and
 - Discussion and consultation with community groups to undertake riparian restoration work beyond 2012.
23. The partnering relationship being developed between WCC, PTS team and PTS community contract organisations will be further developed through the planning of a PTS Sustainable Catchment Governance Structure for long term governance of all PTS programmes (including the stream restoration programme). This will include representation of WCC, ARC, PTS community contract organisations, community, iwi/māori, business and central government. As an interim step, the ARC-WCC PTS Steering Group is considering inviting iwi and community representatives to join the steering group whilst the longer term governance is being developed. The governance structure will be in place by the end of June 2009.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

24. PTS has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an eco city through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms and its contribution to Community Outcomes - Green Network, Strong Communities, Sustainable Environment, Strong Economies, Waiora (Environmental Protection), Whaiora (Participation in society). The Community Outcome priorities strongly identify PTS as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of community outcome priorities.
25. In particular PTS supports the Council strategic platforms of:
 - Strong Communities - people are active, healthy and content;
 - Active Democracy - people feel they can make a difference. There are high levels of community participation and respect for each others' views;
 - Green Network - caring for natural areas. Protection and enhancement is on both public and private land; community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems; and
 - Three Waters - stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.
26. PTS also demonstrates the integration of Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

CONSULTATION

27. There is no consultation required for this report.

RESOURCES

28. There are no resource implications arising from this report.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

29. PTS has systems and processes in place to ensure the project is well placed to successfully achieve its contractual obligations with Auckland Regional Holdings by 2012. The ways of delivering this project through a community development model using creative processes to engage local communities is proving overwhelmingly successful.
30. The project has also acted as a catalyst for engaging communities in wider issues of how to create a sustainable catchment through learning how to live more sustainably and integrated catchment management planning. With the partnership with the ARC being confirmed through a Memorandum of Understanding and a Strategic Cross Council Steering Group in place, PTS has a wider support base to fulfil its potential.

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12 **KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2009 'TREES FOR BABIES' PLANTING PROGRAMME**

GLOSSARY

Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT)
Trees for Babies (TFB)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to secure approval of a park for this year's annual Trees for Babies (TFB) community planting day in the Massey Ward, and to request the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

The park option recommended for TFB for 2009 has been selected based on their suitability for a TFB event following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust (KWBT) Board and Council staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Massey Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2009 'Trees for Babies' Planting Programme report.
2. **Approve** that Triangle Park be accepted as the confirmed venue for the 2009 'Trees for Babies' event in the Massey Ward.
3. **Approve** that if Triangle Park raises significant issues with the local community, that Rush Creek Reserve be confirmed as the alternate site for the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2009 'Trees for Babies' Planting Programme.
4. **Approve** that a representative from the Massey Community Board be nominated to speak at the 2009 'Trees for Babies' event.

BACKGROUND

1. TFB is an annual community event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four wards as part of a KWBT, Plunket and Council project for the past 14 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve each year.
2. Park sites for the TFB event are assessed according to the following range of issues:
 - The parks suitability to accommodate a large area of planting;
 - Proximity to a school, kindergarten or playground;
 - Good access to the park;
 - Amenity of the site, (i.e. is it a nice park to be in); and
 - Level of use and visibility to the community.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

3. The TFB event for the Massey Ward will take place on Saturday, 23 May 2009 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.

4. A Community Board representative on the KWBT Board and/or the KWBT Programme Manager will be present at the Community Board meeting to answer any questions there may be regarding the event.

Options Identified

5. Massey Community Board requested consideration of Triangle Park and Rush Creek Reserve for the 2009 TFB.

Assessment of Options

6. Following site visits to the parks, the following assessments of the shortlisted sites provides details which have determined the proposed preferred option:

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
Triangle Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good road frontage • Toilets • Parking • Community centre • Playground • Will create shelter and shade • Citywide park • Well used 	NIL
Rush Creek Reserve	NIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ideal place for planting • Recommended that we wait till playground is put in

7. Based on the above evaluation, Triangle Park is considered the preferred option with Rush Creek Reserve as the alternate.

Consideration of Community Views

8. There has been continued community support for the TFB annual planting programme, as highlighted through the numbers of residents taking part in the event each year and taking an active ongoing interest in the progress of their trees. There continues to be a demand from the community for TFB opportunities with Waitakere.
9. TFB is now in its 14th year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long term partnership between the KWBT and Council. The following table summarises the popularity of the event over the past five years:

Year	No. of Trees Planted	No of Registered Attendees
2004	400	900
2005	400	930
2006	435	1335
2007	400	1310
2008	435	996

Preferred Option

10. The preferred option for the Massey Ward 2009 TFB is Triangle Park.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. TFB is an active reflection of the Strong Communities platform, as well as the Green Network platform, within the Long Term Council Community Plan. TFB exists because both parties recognise the long-term value in establishing community ownership, and participation in community-based environmental initiatives. TFB also adds to the Green Network, providing habitat and "highways" for wildlife and enhanced recreational areas for people.

CONSULTATION

12. Community Boards were asked to submit possible sites for the 2009 TFB. From the list of sites gathered and from other options put forward by Council staff and the KWBT Board, a shortlist of suitable sites was selected.
13. Consultation with the local community adjacent to the proposed TFB sites has yet to occur. It is proposed that this consultation will occur after the preferred site is chosen.
14. Community Boards have previously commented that they would like more details on the proposed planting sites and the impact on the chosen reserve. As such, parks are assisting KWBT by now producing planting plans for all the preferred TFB sites for use in consultation with the Community Board and local residents and to ensure implementation of the planting in the best location within the reserve and with the most appropriate mix of tree species.
15. A detailed planting plan showing the TFB site within the nominated park will be presented at this meeting. This planting plan will provide the details to undertake consultation with the local community to ensure there are no issues with the proposed planting location from a community perspective.
16. Past community consultation on possible sites has only rarely resulted in objection from the community. The planting plan will allow for amendments to be made based on community consultation that should address most of the issues related to tree size, location, and shading that have in the past been the key issues with the proposed TFB planting sites.
17. If any objection to the proposed site becomes evident during this consultation process, then it is proposed that the second highest rated option is then progressed for the TFB planting programme for 2009 as an alternate.

RESOURCES

18. Funding for TFB has been approved through the Annual Plan 2008/2009 (\$20,500) and is one of the key programmes funded by Council through the KWBT.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

19. All the implementation of the TFB planting programme is undertaken by KWBT. Planting is carried out according to the Council's Code of Practice specifications and is supervised by suitably qualified experts.
20. As has been put in place in previous years, an underplanting of low shrubs will be put in place to minimise maintenance and weed invasion issues with the TFB site.

21. Once the TFB site has been planted and the asset information passed on to parks from KWBT, the maintenance of that planting is then carried out by Council's parks section through a landscape maintenance contract.

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13 **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	John Riddell
City Safety Action Group	Michael Neeson John Carrodus (alternate)
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust	John Riddell Judith Fletcher (alternate)
Massey Community House Committee	Judith Fletcher
Massey West Cluster School Travel Plan	JC Carrodus JA Fletcher JG Riddell (Alternate)
Ranui Community Centre Committee	Judith Fletcher
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Michael Neeson John Riddell (alternate)
Sturges Bridge Community Liaison Group Committee	John Riddell Judith Fletcher
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Judith Fletcher John Carrodus (alternate)
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee	John Riddell Allen Davies
Street Events Subcommittee - Massey Ward	Allen Davies

