

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

(Bethells/Te Henga, Waitakere Village, Swanson, Piha, Karekare, Oratia, Laingholm and Titirangi South including Titirangi Village)

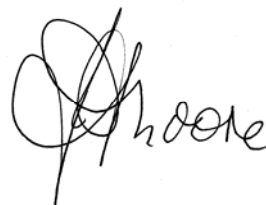
I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Waitakere Community Board will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 2 June 2009 **TIME: 7.00 pm**

MEETING ROOM: Council Chamber

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.



6 May 2009

Judith Moore
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

Mr	KJP	Witten-Hannah, JP (Chairman)
Mrs	CA	Shepherd, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ms	LE	Davies
Mrs	EG	Francke
Cr	PA	Hulse
Cr	PG	Mitchell
Mr	EN	Taylor

(Quorum 4 members)

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(Meeting Room could be subject to change)

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 5 May 2009

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 5 May 2009, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



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 PRESENTATIONS

A NEW ZEALAND POLICE

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

B AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES

Provision has been made for Councillor Sandra Coney from the Auckland Regional Council to update the Community Board on Auckland Regional Council activities.



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 Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for June 2009.

Report

1. There seems to be a consistent pattern to the monthly reports. Local Area Plans, Long Term Council Community Plan, and Super City. However this month started with a Waitatarua Residents and Ratepayers meeting which was focussed on local events and building the sense of community that they value. Another outstanding play (Ghost Writer) has been performed; another debate is in the offing – a chance to see if Councillor Hulse can successfully defend her debating title. They are having a Local Area Plan meeting but it will be after this report is submitted.

2. The Oratia Residents and Ratepayers Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 12 May 2009. It was great to have a good turnout of Community Board members. What a privilege to hear Peter Joyce's journey through Oratia. People who have lived in the area for years really sat up and took notice as they listened to this "outsider's" view of their neighbourhood. Peter is a talented architect with a real vision and appreciation of the environment and I hope he has a print version of his talk that can accompany the Local Area Plan in its final form. It was good to have an update on where the Local Area Plan is heading and I think the final result will be very worthwhile. Well done to all the Council staff who have worked on it.
3. Trees for Babies planting day was at Armour Bay, Parau this year. By lucky chance we got a fabulous day. Elizabeth Francke can feel justly proud of her part in setting up this initiative. It just gets better and better. Thank you to Council staff, the Parau Residents and Ratepayers and the Titirangi Play Centre for making this day a success. It was an excellent idea to plant fruit trees – people had the choice of planting natives in one area or fruit trees in another. I really enjoyed planting trees with my grandsons and they had a great time.
4. The Piha Residents and Ratepayers meeting on Sunday, 24 May 2009 brought disappointing news with the resignations of the president, Mark Mitchison, vice president, Berend Westera, secretary, Alberto Bonini, and two committee members. The committee has been working very well and really represented a cross section of Piha points of view. Treasurer Geoff Calvert did a good job as interim chair and the committee is well on the way to filling vacancies and good progress is being made towards making long term decisions about the future of the Piha Post Office.
5. I have not been able to attend day time hearings on the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan 2009/2010 and I thank Elizabeth Francke for stepping in for me. On Monday, 25 May 2009 I attended the session that went from 3 00 pm until 10 00 pm. It certainly makes clear the difficulty of the task that the Council faces when you hear the heart-felt pleas from really good causes for funding that can mean survival of an organisation or the provision of vital services. The evening was broken up with a hip hop dance performance from a group associated with the McLaren Park Henderson South (MPHS) Project. It finished with a stunning performance from a group from the Waitakere City Orchestra.
6. Issues that have come up in our ward include requests for walkways; for public participation in decision making about the Te Henga quarry; and a number of maintenance issues I will be following up. My strongest plea to the Council is that they don't take the easy path and delete the minor expenditure. I believe that paring back some of the big ticket items by slowing projects is better than, for example, seeing our orchestra go out of business, or our community halls fall into disrepair.
7. I also ask that all essential work such as a footpath programme and the sealing of roads go into the Long Term Council Community Plan regardless of whether they are currently affordable.
8. The Long Term Council Community Plan deliberations and submissions to the select committee looking at details of Auckland governance will mean another busy month ahead.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP
CHAIRMAN



8 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.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Linda Davies
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Christine Shepherd
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor



9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 2 June 2009.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Footpath Maintenance Waitakere Public Forum 2 December 2008 Resolution No. 286/2009	The footpaths on the following roads are programmed for repair in the months of May and June 2009: Godley Road; and Rimutaka Place. The footpaths on the following	Canute Chandrakumaran ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8716

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	3 March 2009 Waitakere Community Board	roads are tentatively programmed for repair in June 2009: outside No. 79 Scenic Drive outside No. 5 McKay Place outside No. 889 Swanson Road outside No. 662 Swanson Road outside No. 773 Swanson Road	
2.	Community Board Minor Parks Projects Officer's Report	Estimated completion dates for the projects approved for the 2008/2009 financial year are as follows: Community notice board on road reserve in Parau – 30 May 2009; Picnic table at Duck Bay – 30 May 2009; Community notice board on Huia Store – 30 May 2009; and Picnic tables (x2) at Huia Domain – 30 May 2009.	Sarah Natac ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8561
3.	Wastewater System for United North Piha Lifeguard Service (Incorporated) Public Forum 2 December 2008	As a requirement of the resource consent for installation of the wastewater system at the United North Piha Lifeguard Services (Incorporated) premises, letters have now been sent to additional neighbours advising them of what is proposed. United North Piha Lifeguards are waiting for responses from the additional neighbours. Once received each individual will need to be seen. Although the waste water document is complete and ready for submission to the Auckland Regional Council, it has not yet been submitted as it is now hoped that the disposal of stormwater can be added to that submission and that proposal is not quite ready.	Stephanie Willcox ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8305
4.	Swanson Cemetery Projects Officer's Report	Gateway – this project has been completed. Driveway upgrade – this project has been completed.	Helen Biffin ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8758
5.	Titirangi War Memorial Car Park	This project has been completed.	Andreas Lilley

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	Upgrade Officer's Report		☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553
6.	South Piha Recycling Bins Officer's Report	This project has been completed.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
7.	Titirangi Town Centre slip repairs Officer's Report	Repairs following a landslip are programmed for June 2009 at: 415 Titirangi Road. During the 2-3 weeks of construction there will be disruptions to traffic and some car parking spaces will be unavailable.	Canute Chandrakumaran ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8716
8.	Parking Stakeholder Consultation Officer's Report Resolution No. 319/2009 5 March 2009 Policy and Strategy	Public consultation on the draft Waitakere City Parking Plan and draft Parking Management Plans for Henderson, New Lynn and Westgate Town Centres has been delayed. Consultation will now run from Friday, 19 June to Monday, 20 July 2009.	Charlie Inggs ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8854

COUNCIL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY		
Report Name	Committee	Attachment Pages
Overview Of Civil Defence Emergency Management And Rural Fire Activity	Emergency Services	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Waitakere Bus Issues	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Economic Wellbeing In The Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Proposed Local Area Plans For The Foothills	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Green Network Community Assistance Update	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Draft Waitakere Threatened Species Management Policy	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.

Waitakere Economic Wellbeing Strategy	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.
Draft Waitakere City Library Development Plan 2009-2019	Policy and Strategy	Report and attachments will be made available in the Community Board lounge.

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	Resolution No. 1725/2004 7 September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294
Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Report	Resolution No. 1468/2005 3 August 2005 Last updated 13 February 2007	Report deferred until 30 June 2009.	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294
Review of Speed Limits in Waitakere Ward	Member's Request	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Adam Moller ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8750
Foster Avenue Bridge Repairs	Public Forum 3 March 2009	No update was available at the time of printing.	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.



10 **ARAMA AVENUE, TITIRANGI – NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTION**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction on Arama Avenue, Titirangi.

Council officers consulted with affected residents and have taken into consideration the best option for serving them and the community.

Two options have been identified: to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction, or to have the area remain unrestricted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Arama Avenue, Titirangi – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restriction report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **ARAMA AVENUE, TITIRANGI:**
 - (a) and 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 restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the north kerb line of **ARAMA AVENUE**, starting from the intersection of South Titirangi Road and extending east for a distance of approximately 220 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.
3. **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 parking limitation and restriction.

BACKGROUND

1. A request for a No Stopping At All Times parking restriction was received from a resident, who advised that when vehicles are parking on both sides of the street, there is insufficient lane width to allow for large vehicles to safely pass the parked vehicles.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

2. Arama Avenue is quite a narrow street with two blind bends. When vehicles park on both sides of the road visibility is restricted for oncoming traffic.
3. The location of the proposed change is indicated on the diagram attached at page A1.

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Options Identified

4. Two options have been identified: to put in a No Stopping At All Times parking restriction, or to have the area remain unrestricted.

Consideration of Community Views

5. Consultation was undertaken with affected residents during May 2009.
6. At the time of writing this report one of the affected residents asked if the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction could be extended to the cul-de-sac. The resident that made the initial request was advised that it was not necessary to mark No Stopping At All Times around the cul-de-sac. No further feedback has been received to date and any further feedback will be presented at the meeting.

Preferred Option

7. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is recommended to allow for safe movement of traffic through this winding and narrow section of street.
8. The preferred option is to put in the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction to improve traffic safety.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

9. 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 city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs for access, communication, and safety.
10. No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

CONSULTATION

11. Consultation with internal staff, external agencies and Maori, was not required for this report.

RESOURCES

12. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction can be implemented under the draft Annual Plan 2009/2010 maintenance budgets.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

13. There are no implementation issues arising from this report.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris, Transport Technician.



11 WAITAKERE WARD BUS ISSUES

GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA)
Metropolitan Urban Limit (MUL)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Board Members on recent bus issues in the Waitakere Ward. Issues covered in this report are:

- Auckland Regional Transport Authority's (ARTA) planned cancellation of the route 167 Waiaatarua Feeder Bus; and
- School bus issues for Waitakere Primary School and students from rural areas in Waitakere Ward travelling to Massey High School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Waitakere Ward Bus Issues report.
2. **Note** the planned cancellation of the route 167 Waiatarua Feeder service from 3 July 2009 and request that officers work with the affected communities to facilitate community based transport initiatives if those communities so wish.
3. **Note** that, subject to approval at the Policy and Strategy Committee at its meeting on 4 June 2009, officers are planning to engage with the Ministry of Education and other organisations in order to attempt to facilitate a solution to the school bus issues raised by the Waitakere Village community.

BACKGROUND

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1. ARTA wrote to the Council on 31 March 2009 with a proposal to delete the route 167 Waiatarua to Henderson feeder service. This letter is attached at pages A2 to A3 with a route map attached at page A4. The deletion of the service is part of a "value for money" exercise which aims to achieve annual savings of \$2 million per annum from low patronage on the bus service. The aim is to enable high priority projects.
2. The Waitakere Village community and people living in the bush environment areas to the west of the village and along Scenic Drive have raised concerns about recent changes to school bus services in their areas.

DECISION MAKING

3. Responsibility for the planning and funding of urban passenger transport in the Auckland region is the responsibility of ARTA while school bus services are a shared responsibility between ARTA, the Ministry of Education, schools and communities. The Council has a role in providing supporting on-road infrastructure, including bus stops and interchanges, bus shelters and information infrastructure at bus stops. In addition, the Council has an advocacy role and is a valuable source of local knowledge about travel patterns and destinations for our residents.
4. This report is for the information of Board Members only as the delegation for public transport issues is with the Policy and Strategy Committee of the Council. Feedback from Board Members will be conveyed to the meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee on 4 June 2009 and the Board has the opportunity to make its own submissions on the issues raised in this report if it so wishes.

Issues

ARTA's Planned Deletion of the Route 167 Waiatarua Feeder Bus

5. The 167 bus route provides three loop services on weekdays operating from the Henderson Bus/ Rail Interchange via Forest Hill Road to Oratia and then returning to Henderson via West Coast Road. ARTA is planning to cancel this service as part of a "value for money" exercise as noted in paragraph one above. According to ARTA, the service carries an average of 1.3 passengers per trip at a subsidy of \$17 per passenger.

6. It was originally intended that the service be cancelled from 5 June 2009. However, at the Council's request, ARTA has agreed to defer this to 3 July 2009 to enable time for this issue to be reported to the Community Board.
7. The 167 service was introduced in the late 1990s as a demonstration of a timed transfer connection (without fare integration) between bus and rail at Henderson Station. However, the route ran backwards to Henderson instead of forwards to the most intuitive railway station for the Oratia and Waiatarua area which is Glen Eden.
8. The service has never managed to find a market niche, even though it is operated by a smaller 26-seater bus. In addition, it largely runs on narrow, windy rural roads where there are few locations for buses to pull over safely to pick up and drop off passengers.
9. There is still a single peak return trip from the Forest Hill Road and West Coast Road service area to the Auckland Central Business District as well as a mid-afternoon trip from New Lynn timed for secondary school students. However, as these services are outside the Metropolitan Urban Limit (MUL), they may well face elimination in the second stage of the Waitakere bus service review or in future "value for money" exercises. The urban part of the service area is well covered by half-hourly urban route services to the Henderson Central Business District.
- A5 10. While it may seem counter-intuitive to eliminate any passenger transport service while Waitakere and the region is strongly promoting much improved passenger transport services, ARTA is subject to severe fiscal constraints which require it to be particularly careful with the expenditure of public money. Waiatarua and Oratia are outside the MUL and within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area. This means that there are only very limited opportunities for growth. The Waitakere City Deprivation Index, attached at page A5 shows that the rural part of the service area is in the bottom quintile (or 20 per cent) of deprivation. The rural part of the service area has 15 households (or 1.9 per cent of all households) without a vehicle. Compared to this, 6.3 per cent of Waitakere households and 7.4 per cent of Auckland region households do not have a car.
11. From an environmental point of view, passenger transport only works when it attracts at least a moderate number of customers so that the emissions per journey is less than that of private motor vehicles. In the case of the 167 service, the 26-seater bus operating the service consumes 25 litres of fuel per 100 kilometres. By contrast, according to the Government's fuel saver web site, a Hummer, a sports utility vehicle with very high fuel consumption, consumes 13.5 litres per 100 kilometres. With an average patronage of 1.33 passengers per trip, the fuel consumption per passenger of this service is greater than if the passengers had driven themselves alone in a Hummer.
12. For rural, coastal and bush environment communities, a better approach would be for options such as community rideshare to be explored. If there were interest in the Oratia and Waiatarua communities for such options, the Council may wish to consider providing some facilitative assistance and/or working with communities to promote more sustainable travel options where scheduled passenger transport is neither economically nor environmentally sustainable.

School Bus Services

13. The Ministry of Education has made a number of changes to school bus services in Waitakere Ward which has caused community concern, especially in Waitakere Village and surrounding areas.

14. For the Waitakere Village community, the key issue is that the changes have meant that a single bus, instead of the previous two buses, is now allocated to two school bus routes feeding Waitakere Primary School. The one school bus serves the Bethells route second in the morning and first in the afternoon. This means that the students on the Wairere Road route faces long travelling times as they cannot be picked up or dropped off around school start and finish times.
15. For students travelling to Massey High School, the issue is that the Ministry of Education considers that there is suitable public transport available because there is some urban public transport service between Waitakere Village and Massey. Massey High School's enrolment zone includes Waitakere Village and Bethells Beach and extends all the way to Muriwai in Rodney District. To use urban passenger transport from Waitakere Village to Massey High School requires a train journey from Waitakere to Henderson then a transfer to a bus service that travels to Massey West but does not serve Massey High School itself. In addition, delayed train services are often turned around prior to Waitakere Station to assist in service recovery, meaning that there is a less than a desirable level of train service reliability to Waitakere Station. This is exacerbated by the absence of Vodafone cell phone coverage in Waitakere Village, meaning that train delay text messages cannot be delivered in this area. Other factors to take into account are the current absence of integration between bus and train services in Henderson in either time, space, or price.
16. Planned bus service changes in the Massey area, to be implemented possibly as early as November 2009, may assist in some of these issues by enabling a transfer between buses and trains at the Waitakere Central Transport Centre. However, their timing means that they would only come into effect at the earliest well into the fourth term of the 2009 school year.
17. Passenger transport works best when there are common origins for significant numbers of customers as well as a common destination. School bus services often fit both these criteria well because there are often large numbers of students who are going to a single school or cluster of schools. School buses are often a trusted form of transport where parents feel comfortable that their children will get safely to and from school. This is an important consideration as, without this sense of comfort, parents are much more likely to drive their children to school, thereby contributing to congestion at the school gate and to the negative environmental effects of additional car trips.
18. The Waitakere Village community have been vigorously advocating with the Ministry of Education and its bus service agent Multiserve for the second bus to be restored to provide service to Waitakere Primary School and for the provision of a direct bus service between Waitakere Village and Massey High School.
19. The Waitakere Village community has requested the assistance of the Council to facilitate solutions to their school bus issues. Officers believe that it is appropriate to attempt to facilitate such a process in the Council's role as advocate for its communities and because of the positive economic, social and environmental benefits of well-utilised school bus services. A solution to the Waitakere Primary School issue would be the restoration of a second bus service to Waitakere Primary School. In case of Massey High School, it would be agreement by the Ministry of Education to reinstate a direct bus service from Waitakere Village to Massey High School or, failing that, improvements to the existing indirect public transport connection between Waitakere Village and Massey High School.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

20. Waitakere is committed to urban growth management, focussing on developing vital town centres that are well served by public transport and easily accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. These town centres and their surrounding residential areas are designed to be well-served by a high-frequency rail service and a network of bus services. An integrated transport system requires that the different modes of public transport connect in time and locations and offer seamless travel to residents. However, this service is fundamentally focussed on the area within the MUL.
21. **Integrated transport and communication, *Te Whakaurunga Waka Te Whakawhiti korero***
Bus services deliver over 80 per cent of the public transport journeys in the region. Even with the major upgrade of Auckland's urban rail network, it is likely that buses will still carry more than two-thirds of Waitakere's public transport trips. However, funding constraints and regional policy means that much of the remaining scheduled bus service outside of the MUL is likely to be eliminated over time.
22. **Urban and rural villages, *Nga kainga taone, tuawhenua***
The ongoing development of public transport strongly supports town centres that are thriving places, providing exciting options for people to live, work and play. However, many rural villages are either not served by passenger transport or may not be served in the future. Alternative options may need to be explored for rural villages such as community rideshare or community hitching posts.
23. **Sustainable energy and clean air, *He kaha motuhake. He hau ora pai***
There are benefits to residents and the environment as people choose to use public transport rather than cars; these include lower fuel consumption and lower carbon dioxide emissions so long as patronage is at levels that make it more sustainable than private car travel.

CONSULTATION

24. ARTA is responsible for consultation for changes to passenger transport services. As ARTA did not properly communicate the proposed cancellation of the route 167 bus service to the Waitakere Community Board, the Council requested an extension of the end date for this service to report this issue to the Board.
25. The Ministry of Education and its bus service agent Multiserve are responsible for consultation about changes to Ministry funded school bus services. These issues are being reported to the Board as the Waitakere Village community has requested the Council to attempt to facilitate a solution to its issues.

RESOURCES

26. No resources apart from staff time are required.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

27. There are no implementation issues resulting from this report.

Report prepared by: Darren Davis, Principal Advisor: Transport.



12 UPDATE ON THE REMOVAL OF LITTER BINS ON LOCAL PARKS TRIALS

GLOSSARY

Draft Litter Management on Parkland Policy (the Policy)
Waitakere City Council (Council)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on the trials conducted to remove litter bins from selected local parks throughout the City. The report also seeks agreement from the Waitakere Community Board to adopt the content contained in the draft Litter Management on Parkland Policy (the Policy) relating to local parks.

A6-A9 The Policy is attached at pages A6 to A9, from which the purpose of the trial is aligned. The content relating to local parks can be found on page 3 of the Policy.

The proposed removal of litter bins on local parks is another step in the ongoing commitment to investigate and introduce sustainable initiatives into parks across Waitakere.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Update On The Removal Of Litter Bins On Local Parks Trials report.
2. **Agree** to adopt the content contained in the draft Litter Management on Parkland Policy relating to local parks.
3. **Agree** that the provision of litter bins on local parks into the future shall be decided by Council officers in line with the draft Litter Management on Parkland Policy.

BACKGROUND

1. Scheduled litter collection from parks, excluding sports parks, currently costs the Council approximately \$438,000 per year. This cost includes the emptying of litter bins and loose litter collection on parks. This amount does not include the cost of illegal dumping around litter bins and on other areas of parks and any unscheduled works related to litter. Approximately \$200,000 of this amount is for scheduled litter collection from local parks.
2. Local parks cater for the immediate community and are frequented by residents who generally live within walking distance of the park. They provide areas for casual recreation, walking opportunities, landscaped areas and/or native ecosystems. Residents do not generally stay at local parks for extended periods of time and therefore the provision of litter bins at many of these parks may not be required.
3. In 2009, Parks and Open Space sought the approval of the Waitakere Community Board to undertake trials to investigate the feasibility of the removal of bins in many local parks as proposed in the Policy. The report outlined the key issues which prompted the trials which included the cost of new bins and litter collection, recycling opportunities when rubbish is taken home, illegal dumping of household rubbish in and around litter bins, graffiti and other vandalism to bins.

4. On 2 December 2009, the Waitakere Community Board made the following resolution:

“The Waitakere Community Board resolved to:

2. *Approve the removal of litter bins in Tangiwai Reserve, Kensington Gardens, and Waima Reserve for a twelve week trial period starting in early December 2008 with a report being brought back to the Waitakere Community Board in April 2009.*
3. *Approve that the infrastructure remain in place until the trial has been completed and a decision has been made.”*

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DECISION MAKING

Issues

Audit Findings

5. All parks involved in the trial were monitored on a weekly basis by a Parks Quality Assurance Officer for a twelve week trial period. Since that period concluded, the parks have been monitored on a monthly basis.
6. Officers report that the level of loose litter found on the park was generally low with the majority made up of plastic shopping bags, drinking bottles/cans and various types of paper and cardboard. It is unsure whether the plastic shopping bags and paper/cardboard originated from park users or whether it had blown in from the road or surrounding properties.
7. Only two parks in the City were identified as requiring a regular loose litter collection. These were Manuka Park in New Lynn Ward and Cron Reserve in Henderson Ward. These parks have been placed on a fortnightly frequency for loose litter collection and will continue to be monitored.
8. Illegal dumping of household litter into and around litter bins was eliminated due to litter bins no longer being in parks.

Public Notification

9. As a result of the consultation plan carried out at the commencement of the 12 week trial period, a total of 40 submissions were received from residents around Waitakere. One submission was for the proposed removal of litter bins on local parks, two submissions were neutral and 39 were against.
10. The reasoning behind the 39 submissions against the removal of litter bins on local parks can be grouped into the following four reasons:
 - Submitter takes regular walks in the park and picks up litter and places it in the litter bins provided so the park is clean for other users;
 - Submitter has seen an increase in litter on the park since the litter bin has been removed;
 - Submitter is not happy at having to take litter home with them; and
 - Submitter is not happy at the loss of this service while rates continue to increase.

Proposal

11. It is proposed to remove litter bins from selected local parks in the City based on the reasons provided in the report to the Waitakere Community Board on 2 December 2008, the audit findings outlined in this report and as per the draft Litter Management on Parkland Policy.
12. The parks will be monitored on a regular basis by Parks Quality Assurance Officers.
13. Those submitters who indicated that they regularly pick up litter in their local parks and place it in the litter bins provided will be encouraged to join the Council's "Volunteer Park Ranger" programme. This programme is due to be re-launched prior to summer and one option is to investigate the feasibility of providing Council pre-paid rubbish bags to these rangers so they can continue assisting Council with beautifying our parks.
14. Below is a table showing the pros and cons on a park on the removal of litter bins from selected local parks.

Pros	Cons
Potential savings to Council of up to \$200,000 or part thereof depending on the percentage of litter bins on local parks removed where ongoing loose litter collection is not required.	One off loose litter collections if required can amount to more than the annual cost of a weekly litter bin collection at any particular park. However, we are looking at alternative cost effective options for preventing these regular one off cleans including placing the park on a loose litter collection frequency which is the same cost as emptying a litter bin.
No litter bin in the park to graffiti, set on fire etc.	Illegal dumping of household rubbish in bush areas and streams could increase if litter bins removed.
Illegal dumping of household rubbish in and around litter bins eliminated.	Potential loose litter build up may decrease visual amenity of a park hence the importance of monitoring.
Taking of litter home to be recycled and disposed of encourages environmental practises such as recycling and awareness of waste reduction.	
Leaching eliminated reducing the incidents of wasps and smells, particularly in the summer months.	

Consideration of Community Views

15. A consultation plan was carried out during the trial period and the findings are outlined under paragraphs 9 and 10.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

16. The Council's has adopted the platform of 'Zero Waste' which addresses how the Council will continue to work on combating litter and illegal dumping as well as providing for and supporting recycling by residents.

17. The draft Parks and Open Space Strategy also identifies that litter bins should only be supplied at parks where people are likely to stay for long periods of time.

CONSULTATION

18. Consultation has taken place with the Parks Planning and Public Affairs departments within Council.

RESOURCES

19. The cost to remove a bin and concrete pad, reinstate the area with topsoil and grass and take the bin to storage at Tui Glen Reserve is \$350 per litter bin or \$300 per litter bin at parks where there is more than one bin. This cost can be covered within the current Parks budgets. Those litter bins that are not at the end of their life will be reused around Waitakere.
20. Monitoring of parks where litter bins are removed will take place as part of Parks standard auditing processes and will not require additional staff resources.
21. Savings resulting from the trial in the 15 parks equate to \$1,028.80 across the first calendar year increasing to \$7,508.80 across the 15 parks in the second year. Initial costs of \$6,480 to remove the bins and reinstate the areas with topsoil and grass were deducted from the savings to be made in the first year.
22. However, additional savings will be made elsewhere by recycling the removed bins and reusing them at other parks where replacements are required; i.e. sports parks. The cost for a new litter bin would have cost Council approximately \$900 for the galvanised steel style or \$1,200 for the stainless steel style.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

23. There are no implementation issues relating to the proposal except to ensure regular monitoring of all parks to ensure potential issues are identified in a timely manner.

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13 COMMUNITY WELLBEING LOCAL FUND ALLOCATION - JUNE 2009

GLOSSARY

Waitakere Community Board	(WCB)
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 Waitakere Community Board (WCB) with information relevant to the Waitakere Ward applications to the Community Wellbeing Local Fund (CWLF).

One Waitakere Ward application was received for the June 2009 round of the CWLF and is deemed eligible by Council officers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Community Wellbeing Local Fund Allocation - June 2009 report.
2. **Agree** to consider the Waitakere Ward application to the Community Wellbeing Local Fund Allocation - June 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 \$56,500 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. The CWLF is open throughout the year. If applications are received two weeks prior to the report being due, they are processed and reported to the respective community boards. Applications received after this date are processed and reported on the following month.
4. In April 2008, the Finance and Operational Performance Committee agreed to the criteria of the Community Wellbeing Grants as part of the Community Assistance Funds restructure and policy development:

“The Finance and Operational Performance Committee resolved to:

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

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5. In May 2008, a final workshop was held with all four Community Boards to outline the policies and procedures. At the workshop the Community Boards agreed:
 - 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.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

Promotion

6. The following methods were used to advertise and promote the CWLF:

- Two advertisements in the Western Leader on 26 June 2008 and 10 July 2008;
 - Community Assistance Newsletter - posted to 1,000 community groups January, April and November 2008;
 - CWLF workshop, 15 July 2008;
 - Waitakere City Council website; and
 - Information and application forms were provided to all libraries, Community Centres and Citizens Advice Bureaux.
7. 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

8. The WCB has one eligible application to be considered for financial assistance with the total amount requested being \$1,500. The maximum amount each applicant may apply for is \$1,500.
9. Council officers have assessed the application against the Community Assistance Funds Policy and Guidelines (Policy and Guidelines) and deems the application to be eligible for consideration by the WCB. Below is a summary of the application and the amount requested:

Organisation	Amount applied for	Amount Recommended
Oratia Playgroup	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

10. The total amount available for the 2008/2009 financial year is \$7,144 of which \$4,150 has been allocated. After the June 2009 funding round the unallocated balance will be \$2,650.
11. The assessment on the application has been based on the information provided in the application and alignment to the eligibility criteria outlined in the Policy and Guidelines.
12. Once the decision has been reached at the Waitakere Community Board meeting, confirmation of payment to the applicant is forwarded to Council officers to distribute to the successful applicants. All other conditions are set out by the individual Community Boards. The summary of the application is attached at page A10.

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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 against which 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 the key areas against which the Community Wellbeing Funds are assessed. 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 between the Leisure Section and Community Boards.

RESOURCES

16. The WCB has a total of \$7,144 to allocate during the 2008/2009 financial year. There is \$2,994 remaining for this financial year. After the June 2009 funding round the balance of unallocated funding will be \$2,650.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

17. There are no implementation issues.

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