



Waitakere City Council  
*Te Taiao o Waitakere*

## NOTICE OF MEETING

# HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD

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

**DATE:**        Thursday,        8 December 2005                                **TIME:**        6.30 pm

**VENUE:**        Civic Centre, 6 Waipareira Avenue, Lincoln, Waitakere City

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

5 December 2005

Audrey Chan  
**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

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Cr	DE	Gilmour
Mrs	HM	Jones
Mr	SJ	McDonald
Mr	LJF	Nobilo, JP

(Quorum 4 members)

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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - 3 November 2005

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Henderson Community Board held on Thursday, 3 November 2005, as circulated, 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 Chairperson 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 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE**

Provision has been made on this agenda for a representative from the New Zealand Police to update the Board on matters in the Henderson area.



## 5 PUBLIC FORUM

**Public Forum will take place at 7.00 pm.**

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 Chairperson at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairperson 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.



## 6 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This is the last meeting for the year and we are 1/3 through our term. I hope you all have found it as absorbing, challenging, and interesting as I have. Once again I must say how much of a team we are and that includes our officers. There are many issues in our Ward that we have resolved and I look forward to next year (after a rest).

### **Armistice Parade and Dedication at Gun Emplacements**

Friday, 11 November 2005 was an outstanding and emotional day and one that will be remembered for a long time to come. One resident said it was the best thing in Te Atatu for 20 years. Others said that it made them proud to be part of Waitakere City. I congratulate Public Affairs for their organisation and Tracy Haggo from Democracy and Support Services for her co-ordination of this event. It was a tremendous undertaking of which she did a superb job. The flight by the Orion over the emplacements was timed to perfection and brought tears to my eyes.

### **Harry O'Rourke, Chief Executive Officer**

Welcome back Mr O'Rourke please do not work too hard. We really need your leadership of this organisation and long may it continue.

### **Xmas Parades**

Both the Henderson and Te Atatu Parades will have been held by the time we meet. These events are wonderful events for children and adults alike and really bring the community together. The conditions required to be able to hold these continue to increase as shown in the Herald recently regarding the Howick Parade.

### **Falls in the Park Carols**

Thank you Helen for once again organising this event. I am sure it will be as wonderful as last year.

### **Trash to Fashion**

I attended this event and it exceeded all my expectations. It would hold its own professionally with any event in NZ and the individual entries get better and more creative every year. Congratulations to the organisers.

### **Appointed Representatives to Standing Committees**

You will all be aware of the decision of Council to appoint one member of Te Taumata Runanga to the City Development Committee with a review in 12 months with consideration being given to extending these appointments to the other Standing Committees. As the Council meeting adjourned to hold a workshop and Community Board members were asked to leave I cannot tell you any of the considerations and discussions. We were re-admitted four hours later.

### **Te Atatu South Ex - Library**

The Leisure Services Manager has requested a meeting with the working group be held prior to the Community Board meeting to consider the scope of this working party. I will update you at the presenting of this report.

### **Ward Boundaries Review**

The Public Meeting held on Monday, 28 November 2005 was well attended by mostly Waitakere Ward groups and chaired by Councillor Janet Clews with Darryl Griffin and David Mead making presentations. The result was that most of those present supported the option of modified land use which this Board recommended.

### **Pedestrian Crossing Alderman Drive**

Helen Jones will update you.

I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a fulfilling New Year and thank you for your support. Your dedication to the needs of the community has been wonderful and as long as we continue to be a team we can make a difference.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Chairperson's Report be received.
2. That the Henderson Community Board congratulates the Public Affairs Unit and Tracy Haggo from Democracy and Support Services on the Armistice Parade and Dedication Ceremony at Te Atatu Peninsula.
3. That the Henderson Community Board's congratulations be extended to Keep Waitakere Beautiful and all those involved in the Trash to Fashion Event.

Elizabeth Grimmer, MNZM

**CHAIRPERSON**



7 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Te Atatu Peninsula Walkway (Officer's Report)	<p>The resource consent has been applied for and is currently being processed. A notified consent will be necessary and it is proposed to have a joint notified consent with Waitakere City Council and Auckland Regional Council. This process is likely to take three to four months to allow residents and stakeholders to have the appropriate amount of time to make submissions. Detailed design will be undertaken following receipt of the consent.</p> <p>Construction is planned to commence in the 2006/2007 financial year.</p>	<p>Debbie Chapman ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8303</p>
Taipari Strand Revegetation (Officer's Report)	<p>Weed control and site preparation is due to begin in February/March 2006 followed by revegetation planting in April 2006 as per the plan adopted by Henderson Community Board at the February 2005 meeting.</p>	<p>Debbie Chapman ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303</p>
Taipari Strand Toilet Design and Build (Officer's Report)	<p>A meeting has been held at Taipari Strand with residents and Community Board Members to update them on the progress of the installation of the Ecoloo, advising them that the Taipari Strand Toilet Design &amp; Build Contract has been awarded.</p> <p>Works began in October 2005 and are expected to finish by late December, 2005.</p>	<p>Toni Grogan ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8969</p>
Catherine Esplanade Northern Footbridge (Officer's Report)	<p>The existing handrails at the two footbridges along Catherine Esplanade on Vitasovich Avenue do not comply with the safety standards of the Building Code. Temporary works have been undertaken to meet code requirements, pending full replacement of the handrails to be undertaken to meet the safety standards. As part of the replacement exercise it is also proposed to remove the canopy of the northern footbridge to reduce the ongoing maintenance problems associated with this bridge caused particularly by graffiti.</p> <p>A letter drop advising business owners of this proposal has been undertaken.</p>	<p>Harish Singh ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8953</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Sustainable Living Centre Update (Officer's Report)	<p>The Sustainable Living Centre located at 4 Olympic Place, New Lynn, is a resource centre for Waitakere and Auckland Communities to learn practical tools to live more sustainably in the urban environment.</p> <p>The Centre, established by EcoMatters Environment Trust in June 2004, is open to the public Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and on the first and third Saturday of every month, 10am to 1pm.</p> <p>A Resource Room is also available to the public and is stocked with books and periodicals relating to environmental matters. The Centre is currently undergoing landscape development and a series of stakeholder meetings have been held to gather community input.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the landscaping will be completed in February 2006. An Open Day will be held in February 2006 and Community Board Members will be invited to attend and tour the Centre.</p>	<p>Brent Bielby ☎ 836 8000 ext 8365</p> <p>Gretchen Schubeck (Executive Director, EcoMatters Environment Trust) ☎ 826 4276</p>

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Project Twin Streams Update (Four Monthly Progress Report)	4 August 2005 Resolution No: 1492/2005	6 April 2006	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8294
Levels of Service Consultation	8 September 2005 Resolution No: 1765/2005	9 February 2006	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8294
Council's Legal Rights in Granting Approval for Cell Phone Towers Construction	3 November 2005 Resolution No: 2164/2005	9 February 2006	Bruce Hawkins ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8652
Issue of Council Approving Future Cell Phone Tower Applications and Feasibility of Such Applications Being Treated as Notified Applications	3 November 2005 Resolution No: 2165/2005	9 February 2006	Bruce Hawkins ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8652
Proposed Re-zoning of Te Atatu and Roberts Road Areas	3 November 2005 Resolution No: 2166/2005	9 February 2006	Philip Brown ☎ 836 8000 ext: 8042

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 8 December 2005 be received.

Report prepared by: Audrey Chan, Committee Secretary.



## **8 EDMONTON ROAD, HENDERSON - NEW NO STOPPING AND BUS STOP PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the Henderson Community Board's approval for new bus stop road markings at two existing bus stops and new 'No Stopping At All Times' parking restrictions in Edmonton Road, Henderson.

### **BACKGROUND**

A resident of Edmonton Road has contacted Council regarding the high number of cars that they have observed parked in the bus stops in Edmonton Road outside numbers 21 and 30. The resident has requested that Council install a bus stop road marking in these locations to supplement the existing bus stop signs. This part of Edmonton Road is close to the Henderson town centre.

Edmonton Road is classified as a regional arterial road with an estimated traffic volume of 28,500 vehicles per day in the vicinity of numbers 21 and 30.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

The Waitakere City 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 of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Correctly sign posted bus stops are desirable to both notify public transport users of the pick up and drop off locations for bus services and to keep these locations clear of other vehicles.

'No Stopping At All Times' controls can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

### **ISSUES**

A consultation letter was sent to residents of Edmonton Road living close to the existing bus stops outside numbers 21 and 30 Edmonton Road regarding the possibility of installing bus stop road markings near their properties.

Two responses were received to this letter. Both respondents were concerned that vehicles parked close to their vehicle crossings were blocking their sightlines to approaching traffic when exiting their vehicle crossings. One of the respondents also reported problems with vehicles parked partially over their vehicle crossing. This person was also concerned that when drivers were waiting to turn into their vehicle crossings in this area that they block the flow of traffic in the lane behind them.

The traffic volumes in Edmonton Road are high and when a vehicle blocks the traffic lane in either direction by stopping to turn into a vehicle crossing in this part of Edmonton Road a queue of traffic can soon build behind the stopped vehicle.

In response to the resident's concerns a second consultation letter was sent proposing that the bus stops be marked and 'No Stopping' road markings installed to prohibit on street parking in the other parts of Edmonton Road close to the Henderson town centre. One reply from a resident favourable to the proposed changes was received to this second letter.

It is recommended that bus stop road markings be installed at the existing bus stops outside numbers 21 and 30 Edmonton Road and that 'no stopping at all times' road markings be installed to prohibit all parking between the intersection with Alderman Drive and number 32 on the north side of Edmonton Road and the intersection with Alderman Drive and number 29 on the south side of the road. There is already a restriction in place east of these properties adjacent to the flush median in this part of the road.

A1 The location of the proposed new parking control is shown on the aerial photograph at page A1.

## RESOURCES

The proposed signage change can be implemented under the 2005/2006 maintenance budgets.

## CONCLUSION

The proposed new bus stop road markings are recommended to help remind drivers that it is illegal to park in a bus stop. The proposed new restrictions are recommended to ensure that driver sightlines from vehicle crossings to residential properties are kept clear of parked vehicles and to ensure that the follow of traffic on Edmonton Road is not obstructed by turning vehicles.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Edmonton Road, Henderson - New No Stopping and Bus Stop Parking Restrictions report be received.
2. That in relation to **EDMONTON ROAD, HENDERSON**:
  - (a) That all existing parking restrictions or limitations currently applicable to **EDMONTON ROAD** 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 authorized to be concluded in the normal manner.
  - (b) That, 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 controls be now resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
    - (i) on the north kerb line of **EDMONTON ROAD** starting from the point where the kerb line meets the east kerb line of **ALDERMAN DRIVE** and extending to a point a further 134 metres east along the kerb line a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.

- (ii) on the north kerb line of **EDMONTON ROAD** starting from a point 134 metres east along the kerb line from the point where the kerb line meets the east kerb line of **ALDERMAN DRIVE** and extending to a point a further 15 metres east along the kerb line new **BUS STOP** control be put in place.
  - (iii) on the south kerb line of **EDMONTON ROAD** starting from a point 24 metres east along the kerb line from the point where the kerb line meets the east kerb line of **TAKAPU STREET** and extending to a point a further 15 metres east along the kerb line new **BUS STOP** control be put in place.
  - (iv) on the south kerb line of **EDMONTON ROAD** starting from a point 24 metres east along the kerb line from the point where the kerb line meets the east kerb line of **TAKAPU STREET** and extending to a point a further 15 metres east along the kerb line new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
3. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of 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 limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



## 9 **AVIAN BIRD INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PLANNING**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to give the Henderson Community Board an overview of Avian Bird Influenza Planning and organisation at Waitakere City.

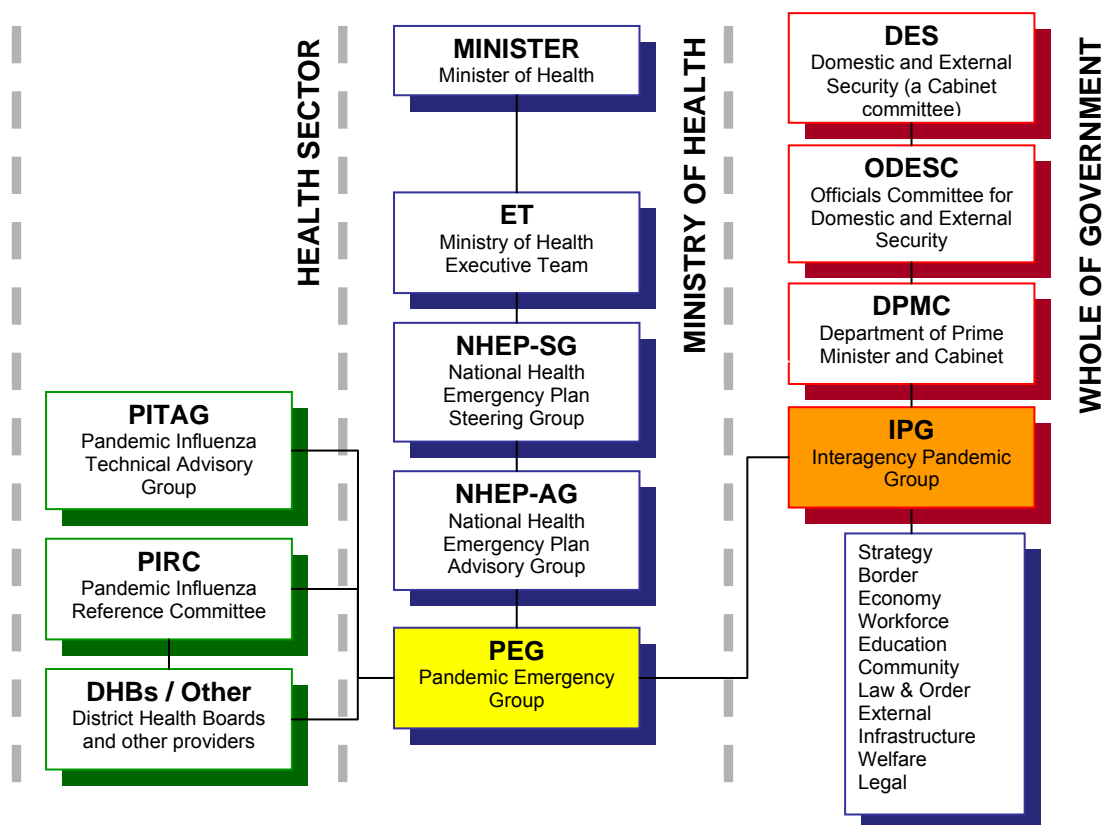
### **BACKGROUND**

The World Health Organisation has warned that the current risk from Avian Influenza ("Bird Flu") becoming the next human influenza pandemic is high.

New Zealand has been planning for an influenza pandemic for some time. The Ministry of Health is working with the health sector and a wide range of other government agencies to ensure New Zealand is as prepared as possible for a potential pandemic

As shown in the following diagram, Ministry of Health has set up a government-wide Intersectoral Pandemic Group. A number of work streams have been formed under the Intersectoral Pandemic Group to plan for and minimise the impact of associated risks.

The Ministry of Economic Development is leading the work stream on infrastructure. The Infrastructure Work Stream aims to ensure that infrastructure providers are prepared for possible disruption to services due to staff shortages, or for possible unexpected increases in demand for infrastructure services.



Ministry of Health's *National Health Emergency Plan: Infectious Diseases* describes the way Ministry of Health and New Zealand's health services will function following a declaration of a national health-related emergency. District Health Boards, along with Police, Fire and "lifeline utilities" are part of regionally-focused Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups. Civil Defence Emergency Management Group plans may be accessed through Regional Council/Unitary Authority websites.

The Ministry of Health advises that the potential impacts of an influenza pandemic in New Zealand include:

- Morbidity and mortality are unknown, but may be very high;
- Full community mobilisation needed - all government and many community agencies are likely to be involved in whole-of-society response;
- Health services may be unable to provide direct care (the orientation of health care may be to co-ordinate and support community mobilisation); and
- Very high staff absence rates may be likely, for some periods during the pandemic.

Once the epidemiology of the pandemic strain virus is known, Ministry of Health will customise policies and programmes in its strategy to address the particular virus. As at October 2005, the Ministry of Health's five-stage strategy is described as:

**Overall Influenza Pandemic Management Strategy and Associated Actions**

STAGE	NZ STRATEGY	MoH / DHB ALERT CODE	OBJECTIVE AND ACTION
1	Plan For It (Planning)	WHITE (Information / advisory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective</u>: devise a plan to reduce the health, social and economic impact of a pandemic on New Zealand.</li> <li>• Full engagement of whole of government.</li> <li>• Consultation with and input from many agencies.</li> </ul>
		YELLOW (Standby)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare to implement pandemic response action plans.</li> </ul>
2	Keep It Out (Border Management)	RED <sup>1</sup> (Activation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective</u>: keep pandemic out of New Zealand.</li> <li>• Wide range of border management options, up to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Closure of New Zealand's border to all non-nationals.</li> <li>- Quarantine of all returning New Zealand citizens.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Enhance internal disease surveillance and notification.</li> <li>• Investigate and follow up any suspect cases.</li> </ul>
3	Stamp It Out (Cluster Control)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective</u>: control and/or eliminate any clusters that might be found in New Zealand.</li> <li>• Isolate and treat patients and households.</li> <li>• Contact trace and treat all contacts.</li> <li>• Restrict movement into/out of affected area(s).</li> <li>• Close schools and other places where people congregate, and prohibit mass gatherings.</li> <li>• Maintain border management.</li> </ul>
4	Manage It (Pandemic Management)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective</u>: to reduce the impact of pandemic influenza on New Zealand's population.</li> <li>• Health Service reconfiguration to support community response in affected areas.</li> <li>• Social distancing measures.</li> <li>• Support for people cared for at home, and their families.</li> </ul>

STAGE	NZ STRATEGY	MoH / DHB ALERT CODE	OBJECTIVE AND ACTION
5	Recover From It (Recovery)	GREEN (Stand down)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Objective:</u> expedite the recovery of population health where impacted by pandemic, pandemic management measures, or disruption to normal services.</li> <li>• Phase starts when the population is protected by vaccination, or the pandemic abates in New Zealand.</li> </ul>

[<sup>1</sup> The transition from Code White to Red could be quite quick (i.e. the Code Yellow phase could be quite short].

Moves from Code White (which is the stage in November 2005) to Yellow, and Yellow to Red (i.e. the escalation steps), and subsequently from Red to Green, will originate with Ministry of Health. Ministry of Health will put the notification on their website and notify their media contacts. Ministry of Economic Development will endeavour to keep infrastructure providers informed of these changes.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Emergency planning and preparation for a possible avian influenza pandemic contributes towards the Council's Safe City strategic priority.

### ISSUES

#### Pandemic Planning within Waitakere City Council

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Locally there has been a considerable amount of liaison between the Waitemata District Health Board Pandemic Planning Manager, Dr Jocelyn Peach, and Principal Health Officer, Dr Lanes Johnson, with Councils Chief Executive Officer and Manager, Emergency Management, for internal planning and joint co-ordination response purposes. This activity has now led to the development of a Pandemic Planning Guide for Council business continuity and emergency management purposes as attached at pages A2 to A33.

Elected Members will also be aware from publicity, of the likely consequences of any outbreak and the effect it would have on Council's ability to provide levels of essential services to the community. In a worst case scenario, planning would be based on having at least half of all staff being absent from work, either at home or through illness, and the added possibility that a number of staff will also die. While there is no guarantee when a pandemic will occur, the reality is that it will happen and the preparation being taken now ensures the event is well managed. The appendices to the Planning Guide give examples of various scenarios for pandemic response escalation.

Planning for burials is also undertaken. Provision for mass grave situations is underway regarding available space at both the Waikumete and Swanson cemeteries which will be required for regional as well as local purposes. Should mass burials be required, some cremations may be permitted.

In addition to local planning, the Manager Emergency Management is also the region's Civil Defence Emergency Management representative to the Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management for overall Civil Defence Emergency Management planning throughout the region. Primary responsibility for the management of a pandemic rests with the Ministry of Health as the lead authority. Any outbreak, however, would likely result in either a declaration of regional emergency and or a national emergency. Health

would still manage the health response but the overall co-ordination would be under the umbrella of Civil Defence Emergency Management. The primary Civil Defence Emergency Management activities will be logistical support, transportation and communications, and local co-ordination would be conducted with the Waitemata District Health Board from our existing Emergency Operations Centre.

The level of planning and coordination undertaken to date has been quite extensive and appreciation of the scope of the likely effects upon Council is now well understood. One item that still has to be resolved is the provision of personal protection and cleaning equipment across Council. Without necessarily going overboard, there is a requirement to buy in stocks of some equipment as a contingency measure. To not do so would seriously compromise personal safety as there would not be a guarantee of stocks being available through panic buying in the event of an outbreak.

There is no vaccine currently available for an Avian Bird Influenza Pandemic. It will probably take about six months from outbreak to develop a vaccine in sufficient quantity for the population of New Zealand. Anti viral medication such as Tamiflu is available and may be of some help in reducing the influenza effects if taken early enough. Arrangements are in place for the provision of Tamiflu for essential staff and for staff who may become ill. All sectors of the community will be at risk but those living in the rural areas will be less so given their greater isolation and generally greater resilience in looking after themselves.

The Mayor has requested that an update be given to Council on preparations and planning to date by means of a presentation. It is planned that this presentation will take place early in the New Year in the form of a workshop for Elected Members.

## **CONCLUSION**

The likelihood of a worldwide pandemic from Avian Bird Flu is more a matter of when not if. It will, however, have to mutate into a form where it is passed from human to human rather than the current bird to human form in order to reach major pandemic proportions. New Zealand by virtue of its isolation is in a good position to manage an outbreak and contain any consequences. Planning, however, has to be based upon a worst case scenario.

In the meantime, considerable work has already been undertaken at a local level between health authorities and Council staff for readiness and response purposes and will be ongoing. Waitakere City through the work already undertaken and the ongoing education of staff and management is well informed at this time and planning is well advanced.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Avian Bird Influenza Pandemic report be received.

Report prepared by: Bill Morley, Manager: Emergency Management Services.



## 10 **BANCROFT PARK**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to request the Henderson Community Board to recommend to the City Development Committee the sale and divestment of part of Bancroft Park.

### **BACKGROUND**

Bancroft Park is located at 42 Bancroft Crescent, Glendene in an industrial area.

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Two maps are appended to this report that show the location attached at page A34 and map of the Park at page A35. Also attached at page A36 are photos taken of the Park in October 2005.

Bancroft Park has never been developed and has no ark facilities. Part of the Park is mowed at a low frequency; the remaining (fenced) area was used for storage of green material during the painted apple moth infestation and currently is not maintained by Council.

Development of Bancroft Park is not in the current Long Term Council Community Plan. Bancroft Park does not have an associated management plan and has had no park development concepts developed to date.

Council officers receive frequent requests from developers wishing to buy and develop this site for industrial use. To date all requests have been declined. More recently the owner of the adjacent property has expressed interest in purchasing a strip of the reserve land which encroaches into his property. Purchasing this land would allow improved development flexibility of his property. The purpose of this report is to consider this proposal.

Any reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 which Council wishes to sell must first have its reserve status removed. Section 24 of that Act requires public notification of a proposal to revoke a Park's reserve status. Every person claiming to be affected by the reserve revocation has a right to object. Under the Reserves Act 1977 the reasons for a proposed revocation must be given in the public notice. The notification period must be a minimum of one month. The Department of Conservation must also consent to the revocation.

The District Plan, under the Resource Management Act 1991, identifies reserves as open space. Any changes to land identified as reserve is subject to a variation to the District Plan. Variations to the plan also require public notification and submission periods.

Both of these notification and submission periods can occur concurrently.

The draft Parks and Open Space Strategy also provides protocols for reserve divestment and land swaps.

The delegated authority for the acquisition and divestment of reserves resides with the City Development Committee.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

The provision of open space sits within the strategic platforms of both Urban and Rural Villages and the Green Network. Within Urban and Rural Villages the desire is to ensure people have choices for recreation in their neighbourhoods, and to make the City a vibrant and enjoyable place to live, work and play. The Green Network seeks to protect and enhance the natural environment, and to permeate town centres and suburbs providing friendly green areas throughout the City.

Further to these strategic platforms, the provision of Parks is outlined in the Parks Strategy (1999) and the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy (an update of the 1999 Parks Strategy).

There are no specific requirements for Parks in industrial or commercial areas in the current Parks Strategy (1999). However, in the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy there has been further minimum provisions set for Parks in commercial and industrial areas.

The draft Parks and Open Space Strategy states that “*working environments with a total area greater than 5ha will have a Quality Park sited adjacent to or within them*”.

Divestment of reserves is usually limited to land that is unsuitable as reserve due to size, location or layout. These are generally small lots that have poor road frontage, have no historic or natural values, and have limited potential for developing Park facilities. If it is a local reserve, revenue from the sale should be reinvested into Park purchase or development within the local area. There is no policy to sell surplus Parks that go beyond the minimum provisions set in the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy.

## ISSUES

Bancroft Park has very good road frontage and meets provisions set in the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy, although it requires development. Nearby Akatea Park, which is a wide esplanade reserve, could also supplement or provide the minimum provisions required by the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy if developed.

Following are four options for the future of Bancroft Park.

### Option 1 - Status Quo

Under Option 1 there would be no sale, and no change to the development or maintenance of Bancroft Park.

The development of Bancroft Park is not in the Long Term Council Community Plan. Therefore under this option the Park is unlikely to be developed for some time.

### Option 2 - No Sale with Minor Works

Council could provide some basic development, such as seating, basic planting and increased maintenance. This is not currently within the current Long Term Council Community Plan and it may not get priority over other projects in the next Long Term Council Community Plan.

It is suggested that to advance the works under this option the project could be considered by the Board for funding through the Community Board Minor Parks Projects budget. This would need to be in future years as the budget is fully allocated for the current financial year.

It should be noted that the Henderson Community Board considered the installation of a half court and picnic table in Bancroft Park during its October 2005 meeting. It was decided at that meeting to put these facilities at nearby Akatea Park.

### Option 3 - Part Sale - Boundary Reconsolidation and Reinvestment

Council could consider the sale of a small portion of the Park. The map at page A35 indicates an area of approximately 600m<sup>2</sup> on the western end of the Park that could be sold. This in effect reconsolidates property boundaries of the Park and neighbouring property at 40 Bancroft Crescent.

This does not have any significant negative impact on the Park or its development potential (as a Park or for commercial development).

The benefit of this option is that it allows improved development potential of 40 Bancroft Crescent. It also provides funds for the development of the remaining area of Bancroft Park, advancing the works (as it not currently included in the Long Term Council Community Plan), and would not require funding from the Community Board Minor Parks Projects budget.

Development of Bancroft Park could be focused on the south western corner to retain future flexibility for the selling Bancroft Park (e.g. following Option 4b) if desired. Alternatively funds could be used at nearby Akatea Park. Akatea is currently mown but has no existing Park facilities. This would provide additional facilities to those that are being built through the Community Board Minor Parks Projects budget.

Option 3 meets criteria set out in the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy for land swaps and reserve divestment. This option does not preclude any future sale of the Park.

#### **Option 4 - Full Sale and Reinvestment**

Council receives frequent requests for the sale of Bancroft Park from property developers. It is understood that there is some interest in investigating this option further.

Council could consider the sale of the entire site. This would gain significant funding which could be reinvested into other Park purchase and/or Park development in the local area.

Alternatively Bancroft Park could be split, with half remaining as Park and half sold for commercial purposes (to be referred to as Option 4b).

Further work would be required to establish the most appropriate use of any funds created from the sale of the reserve. This work must be completed to justify the revocation and sale of the Park.

#### **Sale Considerations**

Budget should first be allocated to the immediate area, with remaining funds allocated within the local area. No funds should be allocated to Parks outside the local area.

Any option that requires divestment (Option 3, 4 and 4b) will require public notification. To alleviate public concerns and to justify reserve revocation and sale, projects should be identified for what the revenue will be spent on. To this end, full sale of the site (including Option 4b) is not recommended until specific projects have been identified. This will also give clear justifications for the Department of Conservation who approves reserve revocations.

To justify sale of the Park Council could consider projects to address gaps in the Parks and open space network or projects determined through reserve management plans as outlined below:

#### Address Gaps in Park Network

Considerations could be made to addressing gaps in the Parks and open space network in neighbouring areas. Both New Lynn and the Kelston have gaps for Quality Parks. New Lynn also has gaps for High Quality Parks.

### Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan

The development of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshores Reserve Management Plan is about to begin. The initial submission round is expected to start in January or February 2006. It takes approximately 18 months to develop and adopt a reserve management plan. The reserve management plan will identify the desires of the community and possible projects for the esplanade reserves in the immediate area. It is suggested that the Waitemata Harbour Foreshores Reserve Management Plan should be developed prior to any decision on the full sale Bancroft Park.

New Lynn Local Reserves have an adopted Reserve Management Plan, while the Henderson Local Reserve Management Plan will be developed in 2008.

The draft Parks and Open Space Strategy provides the minimum provisions for Parks and open spaces, and also outlines protocols for the divestment for Parks and Open Spaces additional to legislative requirements. The draft Strategy is currently going through public consultation (submissions close 16 December 2005). It would be prudent for Council to wait for the Strategy to be adopted, as well as the Waitemata Harbour Foreshores Reserve Management Plan, before considering Options 4 or 4b.

### **RESOURCES**

**Option 1** - requires no additional budget or staff time.

**Option 2** - can be included within staff and budget allocation of the Community Board Minor Parks Projects budget if required. Note that this would need to be in the next financial year as current funding is fully allocated.

**Option 3** - there is sufficient budget and staff resource within Parks Planning to undertake work for Option 3. Land valuations have not yet been undertaken. However, it is expected that the sale will achieve adequate budget for basic Park development (seating, tables, planting etc).

**Option 4** - currently no staff or budget is allocated for Option 4.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is suggested that Option 3 is the most appropriate option, especially in regards to the current interest of the neighbouring owner.

Further work is required on Option 4. If the Board is interested in progressing Option 4, it is suggested that this be deferred and aligned with the development of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan which is currently being progressed.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Bancroft Park report be received.
2. That Option 3, part sale of Bancroft Park (Part Lot 8 DP 75336 and Lot 26 DP 78576) is recommended by the Henderson Community Board for the City Development Committee's consideration.

Report prepared by: Gyles Bendall, Parks Strategic Planner.



## 11 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Henderson Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams outcomes from July to November 2005.

### BACKGROUND

Project Twin Streams is an exciting and innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated stormwater management and the restoration of 125 kilometres of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with healthy and sustainable communities in a healthy environment.

At the heart of Project Twin Streams is the relationship between people and the environment. The project recognises that it is not possible to repair and restore natural waterways without working with the people and communities who are part of the catchment. This requires looking beyond stream restoration to a sustainable community development approach that includes, promotes and fosters the inter-connectedness of economic, social, cultural, spiritual and environmental well-beings.

A report was presented to Council on 20 July 2005 giving an overview of Project Twin Streams and requesting that Council endorse the quadruple bottom line objectives of the programme. Subsequently, Council passed the following resolutions:

- “1. That the Project Twin Streams objectives as set out in this report be endorsed in principle, for detailed consideration by the City Development Committee.
2. That a progress report on Project Twin Streams be submitted to the City Development Committee every four months to provide strategic direction and an overview of the project.
3. That further consideration be given in the 2006/2016 Long Term Council Community Plan to enhance Project Twin Streams and obtain leverage from external funding.

1363/2005

On 4 August 2005 a report was presented to Henderson Community Board with the following resolution passed:

“That a progress report on Project Twin Streams be submitted to the Henderson Community Board every four (4) months”

1492/2005

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and will contribute to implementing the Vision of Waitakere as an Eco-City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms. The Vision for Project Twin Streams is *Working Together for Healthy Streams & Strong Communities: Creating a Sustainable Future*.

In particular Project Twin Streams 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;
- **Three Waters** - stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.

Project Twin Streams also demonstrates the integration of the Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

## ISSUES

### Scope of Project Twin Streams

Project Twin Streams is working across all four aspects of wellbeing - social, economic, environmental and cultural. This requires actions to ensure strong, healthy, engaged local communities who understand the challenges facing their catchment and take responsibility for them. It recognises that creative ways of learning, respect for heritage and valuing and celebrating different world views are essential ingredients in all community processes. It also understands that strong, local economies require new skills and new approaches which in turn will lead to new opportunities and jobs. All of this requires a healthy natural base, the recreation of biodiversity and the wise management of our natural resources and urban design that achieves a lighter footprint on the earth.

Project Twin Streams vision and objectives are being delivered through a community development approach.

The underlying assumptions of Project Twin Streams are:

- Some goals will be achieved in the short and medium term (3-5 years) and others will be longer term (10-50 years);
- The community will embrace the community development approach;
- Success requires willingness from across Council to actively support the project;
- In adopting this community development programme additional resources (or reprioritisation of existing resources) may be required through the 2006/2016 Long Term Council Community Plan.

### Planting & Maintenance Programme

Over this planting season (April to November 2005) 75,569 plants have been planted. This has resulted in the revegetation of approximately 10,170 square metres of stream banks on the Swanson, Waikumete, Opanuku, Lower Oratia, Pixie and Henderson streams. Weed and maintenance programmes have also been carried out on 6,044 square metres of stream banks.

Over 50 percent of the planting has been undertaken by volunteers from local communities, schools, youth groups, scouts and guides, church groups, neighbourhood groups and individuals interested in revegetating the banks of their local streams.

Highlights for this period include the following:

- Planting undertaken by Rutherford High School at Pixie Stream. The school began planting the stream in 2004. Over this period they have planted in excess of 8,000 plants. The school has also commenced monitoring to assess the effect the revegetation has had on the stream. Pixie Stream is also being developed by Project Twin Streams as a demonstration site through the construction of bioretention (stormwater systems that use natural filtration through plants to clean up stormwater) prototype devices which are being monitored for stormwater treatment efficiency. There has also been construction of permeable paving using Permapave products;
- Princes Trust - a group of youth offenders, have been working on the Henderson Creek undertaking both planting and weeding. Over this season they have planted over 8,000 plants;
- Swanson Community have organised three very successful community planting days that attracted approximately 250 local residents and resulted in the planting of 5,927 plants.

### **Community Contracts & Community Engagement**

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to foster community engagement in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. Community uptake is being achieved through working to engage and contract six locality-based community organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their neighbourhoods. As well as co-ordinating community involvement in the weeding and maintenance of the stream banks, local contract holders will develop with their local communities' opportunities to integrate environmental awareness through music, arts, cultural, storytelling, youth, job creation and employment and training initiatives.

There are now three organisations that have community contracts with Project Twin Streams approved by the Tenders Subcommittee, as follows:

- Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Limited in Ranui-Massey along the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek;
- West Auckland District Council of Social Services (WADCOS) in the Henderson area along the Henderson Creek;
- Corban Estate Arts Centre has recently signed a contract to deliver Project Twin Streams in the Henderson South area along the Lower Opanuku Stream.

Consultation is currently being undertaken in the Lower Oratia area and the Glen Eden area to ascertain how these local communities would like to engage with Project Twin Streams and to identify suitable organisations to undertake a community contract. The Swanson community is also exploring options for an appropriate organisation to take up a community contract. It is anticipated that by mid 2006 there will be six community organisations contracted to develop Project Twin Streams in their localities. This will cover the majority of the Catchment.

A snapshot of achievements from Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Limited (Ranui-Massey) and West Auckland District Council of Social Services (Henderson Creek) community contract organisations include the following:

- Establishing Project Twin Streams in their local communities;

- Ranui-Massey Project Twin Streams have held three extremely successful community planting & education days attracting approximately 400 residents including a large number of children. Local groups are also beginning to adopt sections of the stream. A programme for rangatahi (youth) at risk is working weekly on the stream banks doing weeding, planting and maintenance. It has been reported that there have been significant improvements in the students' behaviour and also their educational attainment from being involved in Project Twin Streams. At the end of one programme a rangatahi stated that "I have learnt to respect mother nature". A total of 8,972 plants have been planted by the local community covering approximately 4,740 square metres;
- West Auckland District Council of Social Services began their contract part way through the planting season. They have organised planting days with Flanshaw Road Primary School, Scouts and local residents. This has resulted in the planting of 2,500 plants. Two more small planting days are being planned before the end of the planting season.

The Community Contracts are being delivered at significantly lower costs than a commercial contract and unlike commercial contracts they have the potential to achieve outcomes across all four wellbeings.

### **Creative Processes**

The Project Twin Streams Community Arts Worker (a part time position initially funded externally through Sustainable Communities) has been working alongside the community contract organisations to develop and implement creative ways of engaging people in the project and developing understanding of the causes and means of addressing environmental degradation. Achievements of this position to date include the following:

- Working with children in the Ranui After-School Project who have made a mosaic gecko (mokomoko) that is now displayed outside the Ranui Community Centre. The children also drew pictures and wrote stories of their vision for the Swanson Stream. This has been put together into a book and entered into the OSCAR (National Association for After-School Care) competition;
- Children at Birdwood School have written and performed a rap about Project Twin Streams. Youth from the local youth group designed tee shirts that the younger children wore for their performance;
- Children at West Wave After-School have designed flags depicting how they see Henderson Creek. These flags have been sewn up by a group of trainee machinists;
- Working with West Auckland District Council of Social Services to organise a Celebrating Henderson Creek weekend that includes art displays, music, ecological and historical walks, painting, educational displays, a performance by the Waitakere Women's Choir and a parade and installation of the flags designed by the West Wave After-School;
- A significant number of people, particularly children, who are engaging with Project Twin Streams through the community arts projects, are also taking an active interest in planting days.

### **Cycle & Walkways**

As part of Project Twin Streams, an application was made to Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for \$5.2 million to construct 14.5 kilometres of cycle and walkways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. This application was approved in 2004.

Work has begun on stage one of the cycle & walkway programme. The routes for this stage will extend from:

- Great North Road alongside the Opanuku Stream, through the Corban Estate to Border Road;
- Millbrook Road, alongside the Oratia Stream to Parrs Cross Road, and from alongside the intersection of the Oratia and Waikumete Streams to Parrs Park.

Public consultation on the above routes occurred between 25 July 2005 and 23 September 2005 and on the Draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan. Over 500 people were consulted face to face and over 30 written submissions were received. Feedback on the Draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan and proposed cycle and walkways was overwhelmingly positive, with residents viewing them as a community asset which would enhance their local area and the City.

Key points from the consultation included the following:

- New planting should aim to achieve a balance between revegetating and ensuring maximum visibility and public safety. Stories should be developed to reflect local history, local plant, bird and animal life, local personalities, Maori legends and the cultures of people living in the area. Art works should be provided by local people and include mosaics, sculptures, art bridges and seating and carvings.
- Key safety issues - the need to provide regular exit points, providing enough room to accommodate walkers and cyclists, appropriate lighting, signage, fencing, handling dogs, combating vandalism, providing good maintenance, having full disability access and appropriate rails and surfaces. A professional safety and access audit was also undertaken for both routes.
- Use of the routes can be enhanced through providing seating, picnic and rest areas, park and play spaces, cycle racks, publicising the routes, holding events and high quality ongoing maintenance.

Detailed suggestions were also made for each route. This feedback is reflected and incorporated in the full consultation feedback report.

The second stage of the cycle and walkway network will extend from Border Road to Henderson Valley Road and from Harold Moody Park in Glen Eden to Ceramco Park. Community consultation on the proposed routes for this stage will begin in February 2006.

### **Property Buy Outs**

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place/Millbrook Road area (2003), in Henderson Valley Road (2004) and Glen Eden (2005). To date the following properties have been acquired:

- **Henderson Valley - Opanuku Stream Area**

Sixteen properties are required for the project and nine have been purchased to date. The remaining seven properties are at various stages of negotiation. Contractors have now started to relocate seven of the acquired houses off site.

- **Serwayne Place Area - Oratia/Lower Waikumete Stream Area**

Twenty-six properties are required for the project and twenty-three have been purchased to date. The remainder are under negotiation.

- **Glen Eden - Waikumete Stream Area**

Fifteen properties are required for the project between Harold Moody and Ceramco Parks and further twenty-one properties are required between 347 West Coast Road and Glendale Road.

Of the above, four have been purchased to date, a further three have reached agreement and the remainder are under negotiation.

- **Cycleway Properties**

All significantly affected property owners along the cycle and walk way routes where strips of land are to be acquired have been approached and discussions are proceeding with the owners. Agreements can be finalised when the cycleway engineering design is available showing the extent of land required from affected properties.

To date the careful process used by Project Twin Streams in working with affected property owners has meant that it has not been necessary for Council to resort to using the Public Works Act to acquire any properties.

Discussions have begun with Housing New Zealand Corporation on the possibility of purchasing Project Twin Streams' houses for social housing requirements.

### **Relationship with Manawhenua & Iwi**

Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua have both been engaged to prepare cultural heritage reports for the parts of the catchment covered by the cycle and walkways. Both iwi have in principle given their support for the project.

Meetings have been held with Hoani Waitiiti Kura Whanau and Te Whanau o Waipareira to begin discussions regarding their interests in Project Twin Streams. Each of the contracted community organisations is being encouraged and supported to develop relationships with local Maori in their own localities.

A training workshop for the Project Twin Streams team, other related Council staff and current and future contracted community organisations is being held at Te Piringatahi O Maungaarongo Marae in Massey. This workshop is an opportunity to share different cultural knowledge informing the development of Project Twins.

Project Twin Streams is working with other key stakeholders to support the recently established Maori Economic Development Project - Turuki Turuki Paneke Paneke - a joint venture between Te Kawerau a Maki and Te Piataata Trust (funded by Department of Internal Affairs). A number of the objectives for this project are aligned to Project Twin Streams.

### **Sustainable Auckland - Sustainable Communities**

Project Twin Streams has been selected as one of two demonstration sites for Sustainable Communities which is one of the work strands of Sustainable Auckland. This brings additional resources of \$65,000 a year for three years through direct funding. It also includes the re-alignment of existing central government resources to further the social, economic and cultural goals of Project Twin Streams.

The partnership with Sustainable Communities is enabling the implementation of the social, cultural and economic goals for Project Twin Streams. The focus for investment by Sustainable Communities in Project Twin Streams for 2005/2006 is to progress the economic goals. The first step is undertaking a short term contract in the first half of 2006 to identify and assess the viability and resourcing requirements for potential community economic development initiatives and develop project plans to take them forward.

## ISSUES OF INTEREST TO HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD

### Community Contracts

The community contract with West Auckland District Council of Social Services has been underway for almost six months. A key task of this contract is to develop a profile for Project Twin Streams in the Te Atatu South and Henderson communities bordering Henderson Creek. As well as undertaking planting events (see above) the co-ordinator has developed a Henderson Creek newsletter which keeps local residents informed on what is happening and also up and coming events. Links are being built with the two local primary schools - Flanshaw Road School and Edmonton Road School and with local residents and groups. A key project has been the organisation of the Henderson Creek Celebration Weekend (18 to 20 November 2005) that is being held at Tui Glen and Falls Reserve.

On 17 November 2005 a community contract was signed with Corban Estate Arts Centre to develop Project Twin Streams in the lower Oratia with the Henderson Valley communities. The contract will be jointly managed with Workers Education Association (WEA) and also have close involvement with the Pacific Arts Trust. An advertisement has just been placed for a Project Co-ordinator to take up a part-time position.

Consultation has begun in the Lower Oratia and a meeting held with interested people to look at how Project Twin Streams be progressed in these communities. It is hoped that by early next year there will be a community contract in place for this locality.

### Cycle & Walkways

The consultation process for the first stage of the walkway and cycleway project connecting Henderson Town Centre for Great North Road, up the Opanuku Stream through Henderson Park to Boarder Road Bridge and from Millbrook Road up the Oratia Stream to Parrs Cross Road has been completed (see above). The Lower Oratia Draft Reserve Management Plan was also been consulted on as part of this process. The Draft Plan was approved by the Lower Oratia Reserve Management Plan Subcommittee on 27 October 2005. As such extensive community consultation had occurred in the development of the draft plan only minor changes were needed for the final plan. Copies of the Lower Oratia Reserve Management Plan will be available within the next month.

## RESOURCES

The resources available are as follows:

- Funding of \$38.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for stormwater management, repair and restoration of 125 km of streams and to provide social and economic benefits as outline in the contract. A claim has just been submitted to Auckland Regional Holdings for \$7,112,000 for 2004/2005. This will make total of \$10 million that has been claimed to date;
- Funding of \$5.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland for the construction of cycle and walkways along the Oratia, Opanuku and Waikumete streams;
- Direct funding of \$65,000 from Sustainable Communities for three years has been secured to progress agreed social, cultural and economic goals of the programme;
- A Community Advisor from Department of Internal Affairs has been made available to contribute up to 20 hours per week to progress agreed Project Twin Streams-Sustainable Communities goals;
- Funding of \$12 million from Financial Contributions.

## CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams has evolved significantly from its original concept of riparian restoration to become a quadruple bottom line community development model for catchment restoration as a living example of sustainable development. The project is already becoming well known within the catchment, and although it is still in the establishment phase, it has made significant achievements which will increase exponentially each year.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Tony Miguel, Group Manager: Asset Management.



## 12 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS CYCLE AND WALKWAYS PROGRAMME - UPDATE

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways programme, including an update on progress and a summary of public consultation feedback on Stage One of this programme, and to seek approval from the Henderson Community Board as to the location of cycleways.

### BACKGROUND

Project Twin Streams is an innovative multi-faceted project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project integrates stormwater management with the planting and restoration of 125 kilometres of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams. It does this through a community development model that seeks to involve local people in the long term care and maintenance of their local environment.

As part of Project Twin Streams, an application was made to Infrastructure Auckland (note that Infrastructure Auckland is now Auckland Regional Holdings, part of the Auckland Regional Council) for \$5.2 million to construct over 14.5 kilometres of cycle and walkways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. This application was approved in 2004.

Community Boards received an overview of Project Twin Streams' components, desired outcomes and progress in August 2005. This item describes in more detail the cycle and walkways programme being delivered through Project Twin Streams, and progress made to date.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and will contribute to implementing the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms. The vision for Project Twin Streams is *Healthy People in a Healthy Environment: Creating a Sustainable Future*.

The cycle and walkways contribute to the vision of Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy, for Waitakere City to be a "walking and cycling friendly" city, where cycle and walkways are safe, enjoyable and popular forms of transport and leisure. As these cycle and walkways are all being located close to key streams in the City, they should also bring local people closer to their local stream and natural environment, in order to appreciate and ultimately take greater care of it.

As part of Project Twin Streams, the cycle and walkways programme aims to model sustainable development principles: enhancing human health, ecological restoration, community involvement and ownership, lowering car use and pollution, connecting people with their natural environment, linking safe spaces and places, revitalising economic centres, and fostering environmental awareness and action. Council's Arts Manager is involved in ensuring that the cycle and walk ways are imaginatively designed and that art works are incorporated into the routes.

## ISSUES

### Scope of the cycle and walkways programme

The cycle and walkway routes cover the following areas in two stages, and are all designed to follow alongside the Opanuku, Oratia or Waikumete Streams. Stormwater runoff will be filtered by swales or other devices prior to discharge to the environment. The scope of works is as set out in the table below:

<b>Stage One</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Lower Opanuku Walk-Cycleway</i> extends from Alderman Drive over the Great North Road intersection with Henderson Valley Road, through the Corban Estate and along the southern side of the Opanuku Stream to Border Road.</li> <li>• <i>The Lower Oratia Walk-Cycleway</i> runs along the Millbrook Road reserve from the footbridge opposite the Waitakere Plaza (mainly along the existing carriageway), all the way to the intersection with Awaroa Road. At this intersection it proceeds under the existing Railway Bridge at the Sunnyvale Railway Station, then along the southern side of the Oratia Stream to Parrs Cross Road.</li> <li>• <i>The Lower Waikumete Walk-Cycleway</i> runs from the intersection of the Millbrook/Awaroa Roads, along the eastern side of the Waikumete Stream up to Parrs Park.</li> </ul>
<b>Stage Two</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Upper Opanuku Walk-Cycleway</i> extends from the Border Road bridge, along the southern side of the Opanuku Stream up to Henderson Valley Road.</li> <li>• <i>The Upper Waikumete Walk-Cycleway</i> runs along the eastern side Waikumete Stream between Harold Moody Park and Ceramco Park.</li> </ul>

A37 The broad routes and alignments of the walk-cycleway networks are shown at page A37. The walk-cycleway networks are designed to connect users of the system with the various railway stations and commercial hubs within the City.

In order to establish these walk-cycleway links and to allow for the general riparian works required in Project Twin Streams, some private properties and parts of properties have had to be purchased in the areas of Sunnyvale, Glen Eden and Henderson Valley. These property purchases have been the subject of several reports to Council.

A38-A40 There are a series of bridges required to be constructed to connect the walk-cycleways over the various streams. These are located on the plans shown at pages A38 to A40. The aim is for at least one of these bridges to be developed as an arts bridge, as for example in Corban Estate.

## Development process

Once the funding was received for the cycle and walkways, the process for both stages of the programme is as follows:

- Develop preliminary designs of the proposed routes;
- Begin the property purchase process through talks with affected landowners;
- Consult publicly on the proposed design and routes;
- Gather information needed for resource consents;
- Complete consultation and lodge resource consent applications;
- Once consent has been granted, begin construction;
- Open the cycle and walkways to the public;
- Ongoing maintenance (by Parks).

## Current situation

In terms of the programme, public consultation on stage one occurred between 25 July 2005 and 23 September 2005 (summarised below). All Elected Members were notified of this process. The resource consent application was lodged in October 2005, and construction can begin once consent has been given. Stage One construction should be completed by June 2006, with the aim to begin Stage Two construction around September 2006.

## Consultation feedback on Stage One

As part of Stage One consultation on the cycle and walkways, consultation was also undertaken on the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan, as this covers a similar area to the Lower Oratia Stream cycle and walkway. The process and feedback from stage one consultation is summarised below.

The purpose of consulting was to ensure that the new cycle and walkways reflect community needs and wishes. Key consultation issues were safety and user friendliness, balancing the needs of varying users, reflecting local character, culture and stories along the routes, incorporating art works, developing community ownership of the areas and how best to maximise use of the cycle and walkways.

Consultation was based on aerial maps showing the proposed routes. Key consultation methods were two public drop-in days, face to face meetings with interested groups, web based information, information sent to local residents and written feedback forms.

Over 500 people were consulted face to face and over 30 written submissions were received. Feedback on the draft Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan and proposed cycle and walkways was overwhelmingly positive, with residents viewing them as a community asset which would enhance their local area and the City. Key points included the following:

- New planting should aim to achieve a balance between revegetating and ensuring maximum visibility and public safety. The work programme should include stories to reflect include local history, local plant, bird and animal life, local personalities, Maori legends and the cultures of people living in the area. Art works should be provided by local people and include mosaics, sculptures, art bridges and seating and carvings;
- Key safety issues include ensuring high use of the routes, the need to provide regular exit points, providing enough room to accommodate walkers and cyclists, appropriate lighting, signage, fencing, handling dogs, combating vandalism, providing good maintenance, having full disability access and appropriate rails and surfaces. A professional safety and access audit was also undertaken for both routes;

- Use of the routes can be enhanced through providing seating, picnic and rest areas, park and play spaces, cycle racks, publicising the routes, holding events and high quality ongoing maintenance.

Detailed suggestions were also made for each route. Community feedback has been incorporated in a consultation report.

## RESOURCES

Project Twin Streams is managed by Council. Funding is provided by the Council and by regional funding of \$5.2million, which is managed through Auckland Regional Holdings. Additional funding is currently being sought from Land Transport New Zealand.

## CONCLUSION

The completion of the cycle and walkways alongside the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams will greatly enhance a strategic transportation network that links outlying areas with Henderson Central. Stage One of the programme is well advanced and is on track to meet funding deadlines for construction.

In order to formalise the consenting process, the Henderson Community Board is requested to approve the location of the proposed cycle and walkways.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Project Twin Streams Cycle and Walkways Programme - Update report be received.
2. That the Henderson Community Board approve the location of the proposed Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways in the Henderson Ward.

Report prepared by: Garry Peters, Sustainable Engineering Manager.



## 13 WAITAKERE CENTRAL LIBRARY/UNITEC CAR PARK

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Henderson Community Board on various issues associated with the Waitakere Central Library/Unitec car park.

### BACKGROUND

The car park building being developed as part of the joint Waitakere Central Library/Unitec development is required to provide car parking for the development, and also to provide public parking to 'replace' that which was previously provided on the Library and Unitec site. One floor of the car park building will be privately owned by Forward Specialities (1988) Limited, which purchased a floor of the building as part of the agreement to acquire 14 Trading Place. (This car parking will ultimately be used in conjunction with a development of an adjoining site owned by that company on the corner of Trading Place and Great North Road.)

As part of the arrangements negotiated between the Council and Unitec, a Car Park Operation and Management Agreement was signed in August 2004. This agreement proceeds on the assumption that the car park building will be a charge parking facility to the extent that it is used for public parking. The agreement did not set the parking charges but delegated the final decision regarding parking rates and/or scale of charges to a Car Park Steering Committee comprised of: a senior management representative from Unitec (in the first instance the Vice President - Facilities); a senior management representative from Council (in the first instance to be the Director: Corporate & Civic Services); and each party's Property Manager or Parking Services Manager. It is intended that this Steering Committee will meet on a monthly basis and will make all decisions relating to the day to day operation and management of the car park.

## **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

The Henderson Town Centre Concept Plan identified the need to generate a 'movement economy' and recognised that the location of car parking was a key method of ensuring that the vision of the Urban and Rural Villages strategic platform is achieved. This vision revolves around thriving town centres, where public facilities and spaces team with people and the streets are alive and busy. As regards parking, a practical approach to try and achieve such pedestrian movement in and around the town centre is to ensure that longer stay/commuter car parking is located on the periphery of the town centre, and that centrally located car parking is targeted at shorter stay/shopper parks.

When considering the provision of car parking in town centres another key issue is the vision of the Integrated Transport and Communication strategic platform, which revolves around the increased usage, integration and effectiveness of public transport systems. The introduction of charge parking changes the relative cost of private motor vehicle versus public transport, making public transport a more viable option. Furthermore, the introduction of charge car parking will make it commercially viable for private developers to build charge car parking or private parking without relying on rates to pay for these facilities and/or using up development land.

## **ISSUES**

### **Car Park Design and Layout**

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The car park building comprises a basement and six (6) upper floors, which provides a total of 300 car park spaces. Plans of the car park are attached at pages A41 to A44.

The basement level is accessed from Trading Place by way of a roller door with security card access. The majority of the parking within the basement will be leased to members of the public as secure long term parking, however, there will be a number of spaces dedicated for use by library and Unitec staff members who work after hours. Provision has also been made for the library bus to be parked in the basement overnight.

The main car park area is accessed at level 1 by way of the lane from Trading Place. There will be barriers at the car park entry and exit and further barriers at the ramp leading from level 4 to level 5. Level 5 is the level which will be privately owned by Forward Specialities (1988) Ltd and it is intended that level 6 will be dedicated to 'early bird' parking, hence the need for barriers to control access to and from levels 5 and 6.

### **Operation and Management**

The car park will be operated and managed by Council staff and the car park will be staffed by at least 1 staff member at all times during opening hours. Whilst this staffing scenario is not the most cost effective scenario, it does provide the best level of customer service and safety. It is intended that the staff member on duty would act as a cashier during the busy periods of the day and could carry out cleaning and general maintenance duties during the quieter periods of the day. A full closed circuit television (CCTV) system is to be installed in the car park and therefore the staff member will also be able to monitor the Close Circuit TV system throughout the day.

The car park control system will be an 'automatic payment machine' (APM) type system, which is the same type of system used by both North Shore City Council and Auckland City Council in their multi-storey car parks. This type of system utilises barrier arm access controls at the entry/exits to the building. Car park users collect a ticket upon arrival in order to gain access to the building and pay for their parking at the end of their stay to validate their ticket and gain exit from the building. Users can either pay for their parking at a cash receiving machine located near the main lift, or at the cashier station during busy periods.

### **Hours of Opening**

The Hours of Opening will be determined on an ongoing basis by the Car Park Steering Committee. The Committee has spent some time discussing hours of operation and issues considered during discussion include:

- Operating hours (where the wish is to keep the facility open for as long as it is economically feasible to do so);
- Security, both of the facility and for users;
- The cost of operating the facility;
- The likely demand for parking at different times;
- The impact on other nearby car parks.

The Steering Committee has concluded that the initial public opening hours of the building will be between the hours of 6.00am-11.00pm from Monday to Saturday. The facility will be closed and secured at other times (Sundays, public holidays, overnight). These arrangements will be revisited by the Car Park Steering Committee as and when the demand for parking changes.

### **Charging Regime**

The charging regime that has been developed by the Car Park Steering Committee is as follows:

- Casual Parking for less than 30 minutes is free;
- Casual Parking in excess of 30 minutes - \$1 per hour;
- Early bird parking - \$5 per day (in before 8am, out after 4.30pm, Mon - Fri);
- Reserved space on level 6 (roof top) - \$30 per week (Mon - Fri);
- Reserved space in basement (secure) - \$40 per week (Mon - Fri);
- Special events (on a Sunday or public holiday) - \$5 per day.

This charging regime was reported to Council in a draft form in September 2005 and it is intended that the final charging regime, as outlined above, will be reported back to Council for formal resolution in December 2005. This charging regime has been set with the intention of offsetting the operational cost of the building.

It should be noted that the first 30 minutes of parking will be free. This free parking is intended to cater predominantly for library users wishing to make short visits to the library, but obviously will be of benefit to all members of the public wishing to use the car park building.

### **On Street Parking**

There are approximately 30 further 'on street' car parks in the vicinity of the Central Library. These will be provided on Trading Place, at the rear of the Bank of New Zealand building and along the lane between the Library and Unitec buildings. The majority of these spaces are intended to be P30 spaces. A separate report on this matter and other on street car parking arrangements within the area will be provided at a later date by the Team Manager: Parking Services.

### **Alternative Uses**

Given that the car park will not be open on Sundays or public holidays an opportunity exists to use the car park for alternative purposes. There are successful examples in other parts of New Zealand of central city car parks being used for a wide variety of community activities including activities such as farmers markets, Sunday markets, car markets and art and craft markets. The Car Park Steering Committee would welcome any suggestions from the community as to what sort of activities might be appropriate and invites the Henderson Community Board to take an active and leading role in ascertaining the level of community support for such activities or recommending the sort of activities which might be considered appropriate for the better utilisation of this facility when not otherwise required for public car parking purposes.

### **Completion of Construction**

Construction of the car park building is progressing well and it is intended that the building will be opened at the same time as the Waitakere Central Library in late February 2006.

### **RESOURCES**

The financial and staffing resources necessary to construct, operate and manage the car park building above have been provided or approved by Council and Unitec.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Waitakere Central car park building is an integral and essential part of the Unitec/Library development and the Henderson Town Centre Concept. It is important to ensure that the building will be accessible and utilised for car parking as much as possible, will cater for the widest possible range of parking demand and when not required for car parking will be available for other appropriate community uses. It is felt that the proposed charging regime will achieve the first two objectives and comment and suggestions are invited from the community in relation to the third objective.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Waitakere Central Library/Unitec Car Park report be received.

Report prepared by: Peter Sewell, Special Projects Engineer.



## **14 CLASSIFICATION OF PART OF JACK PRINGLE VILLAGE GREEN**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek the recommendation of the Henderson Community Board to Council that a part of Jack Pringle Village Green be classified as a Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve under Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act).

### **BACKGROUND**

In September 1999, the Henderson Community Board adopted a Reserves Management Plan for four (4) reserves in this area including Te Atatu Community Corner which reserve is now contained within Jack Pringle Village Green.

Page 4 of the Plan noted that Te Atatu Community Corner had yet to be classified under the Act and then went on to state that the *“logical classification would be a Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve”*.

Again in Appendix III the Plan notes that the reserve remained unclassified and comments *“it is likely that it would be classified as a Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve given the activities at present carried out there”*.

It is desirable that the land upon which the centre is situated be correctly classified under the Act. It is considered that at this stage it is appropriate to classify only the building and the adjacent car park with the option to classify the remainder as recreational reserve at a later time.

## LEGAL ISSUES

Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977 requires local authorities to classify their reserves according to their principal and primary purpose.

The principal and primary purpose of that part of Jack Pringle Village Green which is the subject of this report is clearly Local Purpose (Community Building).

## CONCLUSION

It is now timely to classify the appropriate part of Jack Pringle Village Green in the manner anticipated by the Reserve Management Plan and required by the Act.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Classification of Part of Jack Pringle Village Green report be received.
2. That it be recommended to Council that the part of Jack Pringle Village Green as shown on page A45 attached to the Agenda be classified as Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve under Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977.

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Report prepared by: Maurice Hieatt, Solicitor.



## 15 LEASE OF COMMERCIAL PREMISES AT SHOP 1, 601 TE ATATU ROAD, TE ATATU PENINSULA

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Henderson Community Board's approval to grant a lease for Shop 1, 601 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula for a term of three (3) years with a right of renewal for a further term of two (2) years.

### BACKGROUND

On 1 June 1993 Waitakere City Council granted a lease of the premise located at Shop 1, 601 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula. A café has since operated from these premises and the current business is known as the Compass Point Café. The lease was for a 12-year term and provided no further renewals which meant that the final expiry date was 31 May 2005.

The tenant has remained in possession with Council's consent since the expiry date on a basis of a monthly tenancy but has now requested Council to formalise the arrangement by granting to them a new lease for three (3) years with a right of renewal of two (2) years.

The granting of this lease will be conditional upon the Board and the Council resolving to reclassify the land to Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve. Provided that this is obtained at the Council meeting on 21 December 2005, it is proposed to enter into this lease agreement in late December 2005.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

The 2020 Vision for the Urban and Rural Villages strategic platform is for Town Centres that are thriving places, providing exciting options for people to live, work and play.

Management of Council's commercial property portfolio is undertaken within the framework of the Strong Innovative Economy strategic platform. While seeking to maximise the return on the Council's investment, the ownership of these properties also allows the Council to support the goal of the City being home to innovative economic activities that provide local quality work and development options for its people.

### **ISSUES**

Café businesses have operated successfully from this location for the past 12 years. The current business is well established in the Te Atatu Peninsula and provides a service to the residents in the locality.

Whilst strategically this property may eventually be utilised as part of any redevelopment in this area, the Council has no immediate alternate use for this property. However, with the proposed development work for the Te Atatu Peninsula as included in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006, the five year lease term could be an obstruction. Therefore it is recommended that the lease contain a 'Demolition Clause' to enable Council (after the appropriate notice is served) to repossess the premises and undertake the necessary upgrade. It is also recommended that the lease contain a 'First Right of Refusal' to take a new lease of any café space within the redeveloped building.

The five (5) year lease term is a preferred term for the tenant as it provides a longer term tenure. The demolition clause is a risk for the tenant but needs to be incorporated to reduce Council's risk of not being able to proceed with future developments.

In addition the adjacent premise Shop 2, 599 Te Atatu Road is currently leased to Good Guys Retravisation until 2010. This proposal would align the leases for both Shop 1 and Shop 2 with a final expiry of 2010, thereby creating a more practical opportunity for the future.

Under the proposed new lease the annual rental charge has been assessed in accordance with market rentals and has been increased, with a rental review after three (3) years.

### **RESOURCES**

In accordance with normal procedures the costs of preparing the lease and having it executed will be borne by the tenant.

## CONCLUSION

The lease for Shop 1, 601 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula has expired. A new lease has been negotiated and approval is sought for the Council to enter into that lease.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Lease of Commercial Premises at Shop 1, 601 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula report be received.
2. That subject to reclassification of the reserve as a Local Purpose (Community Building) Reserve Council grant a lease, pursuant to Section 60 of the Reserves Act 1977, of the commercial premises at Shop 1, 601 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu Peninsula for a term of three (3) years with further right of renewal of two (2) years upon the terms set out in this report or otherwise acceptable to the Legal Services Manager.
3. That this Deed of Lease be executed by Council under seal.

Report prepared by: Greer Russell, Senior Property Manager, Tenancy.



## 16 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.

### HENDERSON COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Elizabeth Grimmer
Henderson Citizens Advice Bureau	Leo Nobilo
Henderson Heritage Trust Inc.	Cr Ewen Gilmour
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Stephen McDonald
Council / Police Liaison Group	Helen Jones Leo Nobilo
Henderson Business Liaison Group	Elizabeth Grimmer Helen Jones
Youth and Advocacy Advisory Group	Wayne Bainbridge
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	Helen Jones
McLaren Community Park Project	Steve McDonald
Taipari Strand Community Group	Leo Nobilo
Te Atatu Peninsula Reserves Management Plan	Wayne Bainbridge Elizabeth Grimmer

<b>COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b>	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Wayne Bainbridge Helen Jones
Hearings	Elizabeth Grimmer Wayne Bainbridge (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee - Henderson Ward	Wayne Bainbridge
Lower Oratia Stream Reserve Management Plan Subcommittee	Stephen McDonald Leo Nobilo Cr Assid Corban (alternate)
Waitemata Harbour and Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee	Leo Nobilo Elizabeth Grimmer

