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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 4 July 2005

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the New Lynn Community Board held on Monday, 4 July 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 - AUCKLAND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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Christine Cook, Public Health Dietitian will make a presentation on behalf of the Glen Eden Healthy Kai project group. Information on the Kai project is attached at pages A1 to A2.



5 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 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

We are already halfway through the year. We have had a mild but wet winter, so with the dams overflowing, there is no shortage of water. Council is in their new financial year, which is from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006. With completion of the Annual Plan consultation and deliberations, the Board awaits the official reply to our submissions.

As your representative who participated in the process I feel that the process is wrong. The community is encouraged to 'have a say' but do they really 'have a say?' What do the community expect to get from their input?

Our Board requested very little more than had been already planned for the Ward in the draft plan, bearing in mind the proposed rate increase. But we are entitled to a fair share of the cake. The following are some of the approved items of our request:

- Glen Eden Community House car park lights.
- Waiving of the \$25 consent fee for tree cutting.
- Enclosing part of a drain in Kohu Road.
- Undertake a report on needed work on the New Lynn Community Centre.
- Allocation of some funding for these works.

For the longer term, the roading projects that were submitted need to be appraised for inclusion in future budgeting.

The Waitakere Heritage Area Bill was publicly notified as required and will now be in the hands of the Central Government for further debate and decision.

The Titirangi War Memorial car park. The low bollards that caused some car damage due to poor visibility when backing has now been replaced with higher more visible ones.

The statue of Mr. Henry Atkinson. Our Board made a submission to the Annual Plan for funding to straighten the leaning statue and stabilize the base. An article has since appeared in the Western Leader with a proposal to move the statue to another place in Titirangi. I have never received any complaints about the present position, only seen it being admired and photographed. The reason it was put there after being held in storage was due to it being continually vandalized when at the summit of Mt Atkinson. The position now is in a highly visible, prominent and appropriate place overlooking the land he donated. I have now received a letter from a descendant of Mr. Atkinson who wishes the statue to remain in its present place. I have made further enquires and the general opinion is that it should remain in its present position, so let us get on with the work needed to correct the problems.

Project Twin Streams: Will go full 'stream' ahead.

Consultation with the Glen Eden residents of the affected area will be held on 20 August 2005 in the Glen Eden Library. Confirmation of time of meeting will be given at a later date.

RECOMMENDATIONS



1. That the Chairperson's Report be received.
2. That Mr Henry Atkinson's statue remains in its present place.
3. That remedial work is carried out to correct its lean.

Pim van der Voort, JP


CHAIRPERSON



7 **COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT**



Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Glen Eden Street Signage Project 7 March 2005 (Resolution 305/2005)	All components have been fabricated and are currently getting final surface coatings and finishes, ie. rail line posts and signage plates are being galvanised; timber rails have been painted. Final assembly should be near completion ready for erection at the various sites around the town centre in early August 2005.	Peter Joyce  836 8000 Ext 8140
Titirangi Walkway 7 March 2005 (Resolution 293/2005)	The walkway through Soldiers Memorial Reserve was closed due to a considerable drop, in excess of 3 metres, over much of the walkway from the summit down to Titirangi Road. Evidence is present of children creating tracks off the main track to vantage lookout areas. Suitable fencing is being erected and is expected to be finished by the end of July 2005, when the walkway will be re-opened.	Toni Grogan  836 8000 Ext 8969

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Totara Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Outside the New Lynn Bus Transfer Station</p> <p>30 May 2005 Public Forum (No resolution)</p>	<p>Preliminary investigation of this location shows that kerb projections would provide safety benefits at this crossing, without adversely affecting the operation of the buses.</p> <p>The work is being considered for inclusion in the 2005/2006 Minor Safety Works programme.</p>	<p>Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742</p>
<p>Rankin Avenue Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>30 May 2005 Public Forum (No resolution)</p>	<p>A survey of pedestrian movements at this crossing is being undertaken to determine a suitable solution for safety concerns in this location.</p> <p>Weather permitting, the survey will be carried out in September 2005.</p>	<p>Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742</p>
<p>Safety Hazards Caused by Speeding Traffic at Rua Road</p> <p>4 July 2005 Public Forum (Resolution 1242/2005)</p>	<p>Council Transport Engineers have investigated methods to prevent loss of control accidents on the curve outside 61 Rua Road. Delineation on the corner has now been improved by replacing the old standard black and silver chevron curve warning signs at the curve with new yellow and black signage, installing additional raised pavement markers and painting the kerb on the outside of the curve. A reseal of the curve using a high surface friction mix 15 stone mastic asphalt has been included in the 2005/2006 programme for the resealing season.</p> <p>Installation of a guard rail in this location is not recommended. The presence of three vehicle crossings to residential properties means that four separate guard rails would have to be installed. The terminals of each guard rail would present a serious safety hazard to the occupants of any vehicle which collided with it.</p>	<p>Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742</p>
<p>Condition of the Field of Bay Olympic Park in Wet Weather</p> <p>4 July 2005 (Resolution 1242/2005)</p>	<p>There was considerable discussion between the Bay Olympic Club (the Club's Chairperson and 2 other Club representatives) and Council officers (Sports Field Contract Manager and Council's liaison officer with the Club) on the priorities and the Bay Olympic's needs in a July 2005 meeting.</p> <p>Regarding ground cancellation it was clarified to the Club that the five times that of the ground had been closed as mentioned by the Club, three were in 2004 and twice in 2005.</p> <p>Both parties were open in their comments and could understand and relate to each other's needs. The Club required games to be played at Olympic Park to ensure that they obtained revenue from the bar takings and Council staff required the field to be protected from long-term damage so the field could be used throughout the season and be available</p>	<p>Grant Jennings  836 8000 Ext 8537</p> <p>Darren Hannay  836 8000 Ext 8518</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	<p>for summer users. It was also explained to the Club that having sand fields does not mean one can play on them during all weather conditions. Playing on sand fields in rain can cause irreversible damage. The advantage of sand fields is that they recover more quickly, ie. water drains away and one can use them sooner after wet weather.</p> <p>There were discussions regarding the closing of Olympic Park and the timing of the decisions to close the park. When Council intends to close all fields the Club would like Council to re-valuate the park on a Saturday morning and not Friday afternoon as per the current process. The outcome was that Council would leave all the premier grounds open for as long as possible before they were closed, ie. undertake Saturday inspections (similar to Cricket in Summer). The field would be allowed to be opened only if no ponding is visible on the field. This was satisfactory to Bay Olympic, as, if ponding was evident at the beginning of the game due to heavy rain the referee will call the match off.</p> <p>The meeting with the Club's Chairperson and his team was considered very constructive and positive. He noted that the ground condition had improved over the last year or so.</p> <p>The Sports Field Contract Manager has agreed to keep in contact with the Club on a weekly basis to discuss any issues.</p> <p>A letter has been be sent to the Club Chairperson on the above outcomes.</p>	
<p>Requested Footpaths Repairs at Taupo Street, Tauhara Street and Thuja Street</p> <p>4 July 2005 (Resolution 1242/2005)</p>	<p>The roads have been inspected. Some footpath faults were noted. These will be placed on the programme for repairs for the New Lynn ward commencing October 2005.</p>	<p>Brent Piggott  836 8000 Ext 8716</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Shopping Trolleys in Streams	<p>The Solid Waste Bylaw adopted by Council includes the control of shopping trolleys, as follows:</p> <p><i>“Clause 99</i></p> <p><i>(a) place or leave or abandon any Trolley, or receptacle in any Public Place; or</i></p> <p><i>(b) being the Occupier of a property, allow or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent the escape of any waste, Trolley, or receptacle from that property into, on or upon any Public Place, waterway or channel.”</i></p> <p>Copies of the Solid Waste Bylaw are available from Council.</p> <p>Due to these requirements, the shopping trolley operators have stated that they no longer wish to work with Council as part of the co-operative process that was established to better manage shopping trolleys. Accordingly, no further action is required from the Community Board.</p> <p>If Community Board Members are concerned with any shopping trolley issues, it is recommended that they contact Council’s Call Centre on 839 0400 and raise a service request to have the shopping trolleys removed.</p>	<p>Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294</p>
<p>New Lynn Wardens Premises: Building and Lease Arrangements</p> <p>Chairperson’s Report (Resolution 1245/2005)</p>	<p>A draft lease has been prepared by Council’s Legal Services Unit. Once confirmation on the underlying land ownership has been confirmed, action will be taken to have the matter resolved as quickly as possible. The Property Assets Team is working with the Wardens to identify and resolve maintenance issues on the building.</p>	<p>Rex Harland ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8739</p>

Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
<p>Paturoa Foreshore Erosion - Results of Coastline Survey</p>	<p>2 December 2001 Public Forum (Resolution 343/2003 and 642/2003)</p> <p>5 July 2004 (Resolution 1182/2004)</p>	<p>5 September 2005 (due to delay in survey results)</p>	<p>Harish Singh ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8953</p>
<p>Friends of Whau Steering Group</p>	<p>January 2005</p>	<p>5 September 2005</p>	<p>Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294</p>

Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Glen Eden Revitalisation Update	2 May 2005 Public Forum (Resolution 710/2005)	5 September 2005	Peter Joyce  836 8000 Ext 8140
Traffic Issues at Oates Road/Glendale Road Intersection	7 February 2005 (Resolution 84/2005)	5 September 2005 (A design showing a possible reconfiguration of the intersection is being prepared.)	Peter Joyce  836 8000 Ext 8140

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 1 August 2005 be received.

Report prepared by: Audrey Chan, Committee Secretary.



8 TRIENNIAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present feedback from the key outcomes of the Triennial Review Workshops with Councillors held on 15 June 2005 and 5 July 2005, to the New Lynn Community Board and invite the Board to advise the Finance and Operational Performance Committee of its views on the system of election and/or separate Maori representation.

BACKGROUND

The Council is required to conduct a review of its representation arrangements at least every six years. Because the Council chose not to undertake a review in 2003 it must do so in the 2006 year. It is considered inappropriate to consider those aspects of the review that must be undertaken during the 2005 year (Maori Wards and Electoral System) in isolation from those aspects for which decisions do not have to be made until 2006 (Boundaries and Representation) so a full review has been commenced now.

The Local Government Commission has advised that its workload to deal with any appeals and objections will likely be substantial and it cannot assure the Council that it will be able to 'hear' submissions on the appeals and objections in all local authority areas. The Local Government Commission, however, has advised that if a local authority is able to make its determination ahead of the statutory deadlines then it is much more likely that local hearings will be possible. It is therefore recommended that the Council continues the progress through 2005 and on to 2006 seamlessly so it makes a determination well ahead of the statutory time lines, and as soon as possible after robust consultation with the community.

The Local Electoral Act 2001 provides for two alternative electoral systems. These are the First Past the Post system and the Single Transferable Vote system. The First Past the Post system is the traditional system in New Zealand local government and is the system currently used by Waitakere City Council. A local authority may resolve to change the system of elections no later than 12 September two years before a Triennial Election and that system will remain in use for at least the following two Triennial Elections.

The amended provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 provide that any territorial authority may resolve to establish Maori Wards. The establishment of a separate Maori Ward or Wards would require that there are sufficient numbers of Maori electors registered within the area of the territorial authority. Any Council resolution to provide further for the establishment of a Maori Ward or Wards must be made no later than 23 November of the year that is two years before the next Triennial Election.

If a valid demand for a poll (from at least 5% of the registered electorate) on the issue of choice of electoral system and/or the introduction of Maori Wards is received before 28 February the year before a Triennial General Election then a poll must be conducted and the result of that poll will be binding and effective from that Triennial General Election. Likewise, the Council itself may resolve to hold a poll on these issues, but such a poll is also required to be held no later than 21 May 2006 (the year before the next Triennial General Election), for it to take effect at that election, failing which it can only take effect at the next but one Triennial Election. If polls are to be held on both the issues of introduction of Single Transferable Voting and of Maori Wards it would not be cost effective to hold these separately. The estimated cost of holding a poll is around \$200,000, covering as it will, the City at large.

The governing body of every territorial authority is to consist of no less than six and no more than thirty members (Councillors) including the Mayor. There are three options available for the election of members of a territorial authority. These are elections:

- At large; or
- By Ward (where the Council area is divided into wards); or
- A combination of at large and by Ward.

Community Boards are required to be comprised of between four and twelve members, with a minimum of four elected members. There are three options available for the election of members of a Community Board (for electoral purposes the area of a Community Board is referred to as a 'Community'). These are elections:

- At large; or
- By Electoral Subdivision (where the Community is subdivided for electoral purposes); or
- By Ward (where the Council area is divided into wards and the Community comprises of two or more complete wards).

There is, however, no provision for any combination of these systems of election for Community Boards.

The first principle of the Local Electoral Act 2001 is to provide for **fair and effective representation** of individuals and communities.

With regard to fair representation the Local Electoral Act 2001 prescribes that this is to be achieved, in respect of representation arrangements, including Wards and Electoral Subdivisions for both Councils and Community Boards through the requirement to ensure that the ratio of Elected Members (other than the Mayor) to population does not vary by more than 10% within the respective Council or Community Board. The only exceptions to this 10% rule which are permitted are in respect of island or isolated communities. Both in its decisions in respect of the 2003 Review and in its draft guidelines for the 2006 Review, the Commission has made it clear that there will be stringent interpretation of the term "isolated".

With regard to effective representation, the Local Electoral Act 2001 prescribes that this is to be achieved, in respect of representation arrangements, including Wards and Electoral Subdivisions, for both Councils and Community Boards, through the identification of Communities of Interest. All electoral boundaries are required to align with statistical meshblocks.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council Electoral Officer is required to manage the undertaking of this Review on behalf of Council. To this end the Electoral Officer prepared a detailed Discussion Document to brief the Councillors on the process and suggest the way forward as well appointing a project team of Council staff to assist with the management of the project. Further, a Consultant, commissioned by the Electoral Officer, has undertaken a study mapping the Communities of Interest within Waitakere City.

As required by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee resolution 358/2005 on the process of consultation on the issue of Maori representation has already been initiated.

The Finance and Operational Performance Committee has delegated authority to make preliminary decisions on electoral and representation matters and make recommendations to Council for final decision. Accordingly, the outcome of this workshop is now being reported to that Committee for a formal decision.

A workshop was held with Councillors on 15 June 2005 who considered the following aspects of the Review with respect to process:

- Overview of requirements;
- The option to change the Electoral System from First Past The Post to Single Transferable Vote;
- The option of introducing separate Maori representation through a Maori Ward or Wards; and
- The methodology to be used for public consultation with regard to all matters to be consider under the review.

The outcome of the Workshop was reported to the Finance and Operational Committee at its meeting of 11 July 2005. The Committee resolved as follows:

"That the Council wait to hear the outcome of the consultation with the Maori Community on the issue of separate Maori representation through a Maori Ward or Wards before pursuing the matter further."

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"That the initial consultation with the wider community in order to arrive at substantive proposal on the two issues being reviewed (Maori representation and the composition and basis of election for Council and Community Boards) be undertaken and include the use of focus groups on the basis outlined in the Agenda report."

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A further workshop was held with Councillors on 5 July 2005 on which considered the following aspects of the review:

What is Single Transferable Voting?

- It was first proposed in the mid nineteenth century.
- It was first used in New Zealand, in the 1920's (Christchurch City Council).
- It is a form of preferential voting where voters rank some or all of the candidates in order of personal preference.
- The "quota" is the underlining principle of Single Transferable Voting, where a candidate needs to receive not a majority but a minimum number of votes to be elected.
- New Zealand Single Transferable Voting uses New Zealand counting method (derived from the Meeks method) which is a complex algorithm calculation to transfer the votes between preferences.
- It was used in New Zealand for all the District Health Board elections in 2004, plus 18 Territorial Authorities (including one unitary authority - Marlborough District Council).

What is First Past the Post?

- The candidate(s) who receive(s) the most votes wins;
- Also known as 'Winner Takes All';
- Traditional System in New Zealand and elsewhere.

Who Uses Single Transferable Voting?

- New Zealand
 - All District Health Boards
 - 18 Territorial Authorities
 - Fonterra
- Overseas
 - Australia Senate
 - Tasmania
 - Republic of Ireland
 - Northern Ireland
 - Malta

Who Uses First Past the Post?

- Electorate Seats NZ Parliamentary Elections;
- Traditional System for Westminster type legislatures;
- Traditional System for most Local Authorities in English Speaking Countries.

Process for Deciding Electoral System for 2007

- Four part process:
 - Council can resolve to change electoral system (Section 27 Local Electoral Act);
 - Council must give public notice of the right to demand a poll (Section 28 Local Electoral Act);
 - The community can demand a poll on the electoral system to be used (Section 28-30 Local Electoral Act);
 - Council can decide to hold a poll on the electoral system to be used (Section 31 Local Electoral Act).

Council Resolves Change in Electoral System

- Section 27 Local Electoral Act enables Council to resolve to use Single Transferable Voting for next triennial general election;
- Resolution to be made no later than 12 September 2005;
- Applies to Council & Community Boards;
- Any change in electoral system must be used for next two triennial general elections (Section 27 Local Electoral Act).

Community May Demand Poll

- Council must publicly notify right to demand poll on Electoral System by 19 September 2005;
- If Council has resolved to change to Single Transferable Voting it must include in notice;
- The resolution;
- A statement that a poll is required to countermand that resolution;
- At least 5% of electors of the District required to demand a poll;
- The demand must be lodged within 90 days of the date of the public notice;
- Outcome of poll is binding for next two Triennial General Elections.

Council May Resolve to Hold Poll

- Council may resolve to hold a poll on a specified electoral system;
- 28 February 2006 last day for Council to make this decision;
- Poll must be held within 82 days of the Chief Executive Officer giving notice to the Electoral Officer of this decision;
- Poll is binding for next 2 Triennial General Elections.

Timeline

- 12 September 2005 Last day Council may resolve change to Single Transferable Voting or stay with First Past the Post for 2007;
- 19 September 2005 Last day for Council to give public notice of poll demand;
- 28 February 2006 Last day for poll demand by 5% of electors (Section 30 Local Electoral Act);
- 28 February 2006 Last day Council may resolve to hold a poll (Section 31 Local Electoral Act);
- 8 September 2006 Last day for Council to give public notice of proposed representation arrangements for 2007 Triennial General Election.

New Zealand Single Transferable Voting Calculator

- Department of Internal Affairs commissioned the development of the 'New Zealand Single Transferable Voting Calculator' and the 'New Zealand Single Transferable Voting Backup Calculator';
- Constructed and developed by a Wellington based software development house;
- Certified by Audit New Zealand and Price Waterhouse Coopers to ensure that the New Zealand method Single Transferable Voting algorithm calculation as set out in the Local Electoral Act 2001 is correct;
- Provided free of charge to all Territorial Authorities for Council and District Health Board elections;
- Elections software providers to integrate with existing elections management software, ie. data capture/reporting systems.

Advantages of Single Transferable Voting

Proponents of Single Transferable Voting claim that it:

- Reflects voters' wishes better than First Past the Post;
- Ensures all votes have equal value;
- Gives effective representation to all significant points of view within the electorate, and is therefore a much fairer system, ie enhances opportunities for minor parties, women, Maori, ethnic minorities etc;
- Allows voters to vote for their preferred candidates without fear of "wasting" their votes. Therefore, as many votes as possible will count towards the election of Elected Members;
- Treats every candidate on an even footing, whether they be independent or representing a political party;
- Has been shown to work well over time as one of the fairest ways to elect candidates democratically.

Arguments used against Single Transferable Voting

Those against Single Transferable Voting suggest that:

- It is a system that is unfamiliar to most voters and hard to understand;
- It appears a complex system involving mathematical calculations that is hard to explain to voters;
- The vote counting is too tedious to be processed manually, and can't start until all the votes have been verified and captured, including special votes;
- Data capture and processing time is longer than an First Past the Post election;
- Election results are not displayed on a per votes cast basis as for First Past the Post results.

Advantages of First Past the Post

- First Past the Post results are easier to understand;
- First Past the Post is easier to explain and understand;
- Electors are familiar with it;
- Marginally less expensive to process than Single Transferable Voting.

Arguments used Against First Past the Post

- First Past the Post system:
 - All votes that are not cast for the successful candidates are 'wasted', ie. they have not counted towards electing someone;
 - In a 1 position election, eg. Mayoralty, often the successful candidate does not receive a majority of total votes cast;
 - The views of all the electors are not fairly reflected in the result;
 - Minority views are often not represented.

Implementation Issues

- Use of First Past the Post and Single Transferable Voting at the same time;
 - In 2007 District Health Boards will be using Single Transferable Voting. If Waitakere City Council changes to Single Transferable Voting the Licensing Trusts and Auckland Regional Council may not;
- Voting Document Design;
 - 2004 Colour wash Criticisms;
- Elections Software Development Issues;
 - Failure of election.com/datamail software does not invalidate system;
 - Moore Gallagher software did not fail;
- Voter Education about Single Transferable Voting and How it Works.

Principles of Single Transferable Voting

- The principle of Single Transferable Voting is the 'quota';
- A successful candidate only needs to poll the quota, not a majority of votes;
- Electors rank their candidates in order of preference by marking a number next to the candidates name, ie 1, 2, 3 and so on, instead of just putting a tick against one or more of them;
- Not all candidates have to be ranked;
- A vote is valid as long as one candidate is ranked with a first preference;
- Quota calculation is the number of valid votes divided by the number of positions to be filled, plus 1, plus a tiny fraction;

The Quota

- Once the quota has been established, then the first count can be undertaken;
- As soon as a candidate reaches the quota, they are elected;
- Any votes over the quota are then transferred to the other candidates in accordance with the voter's second preferences.

The outcome of the workshop was as follows:

- That the Councillors views on whether or not to adopt the Single Transferable Vote system of election were not conclusive;
- A detailed report be forwarded to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee at its August 2005 meeting on which the Committee would make a decision to recommend to Council whether or not to change to the Single Transferable Vote system of election. Accordingly the consultation which will be carried out, will be in respect of Maori Wards and of the basis of election or representation (Council Electoral arrangements)

The Finance and Operational Committee at its meeting of 11 July 2005 resolved the following:

"That the Finance and Operational Performance Committee consider the System of Election in the light of the outcome of the 5 July 2005 workshop, following the receipt of a further report at the August 2005 meeting of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee."

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STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Active Democracy is one of the Council's nine strategic platforms identified in its current Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan 2005/2006. This platform supports the involvement of citizens in the Council's decision-making process, through education, removing barriers, developing partnerships, improving information flows and supporting the communities' own ways of interacting with the Council.

The Council measures its success in meeting active democracy targets by conducting regular household surveys. Although the public's perception of engagement in the Council's decision-making processes has improved since surveys were first conducted in 2001/2002, (partly due to this Council's extensive community consultation processes), the voter turnout for Council elections remains low. Voter turnout was only 35.68% during the last election. The electoral representation review process will assist the Council in determining why this is so and how to structure a system that is more conducive to active voter participation.

In addition to the Active Democracy Platform, the Treaty of Waitangi is one of the Council's overarching priorities, which must be affirmed in all the Council's activities and planning. Furthermore, the Local Government Act 2002 (Part 6), requires the Council to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Maori and to foster the development of Maori capacity to contribute to its decision-making processes. The Council's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi, together with the requirements of the Local Government Act, make it incumbent upon this Council to consider the issue of appropriate Maori representation.

ISSUES

Every effort has been made by Council staff to arrange a workshop with Community Board Members to discuss the issues raised at the workshops with the Councillors. Unfortunately it has proved impossible to arrange a workshop prior this round of Community Board Meetings. The Finance and Operational Performance Committee meeting is scheduled for 8 August 2005.

At the Community Board Members informal meeting held on Friday, 15 July 2005, the Community Board Members requested the Electoral Officer to prepare a detailed report on the subjects raised at the two workshops held with the Councillors to date so that they could provide some input to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee at its meeting of 8 August 2005.

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At the workshop of 10 July 2005, the Councillors requested that the report to be prepared for the Finance and Operational Performance Committee include some statistical analysis of whether the use of the Single Transferable Vote system in the 2004 elections had increased diversity in respect of the membership of the Council's using this system. Unfortunately no statistics appear to be available and this has been confirmed with Local Government New Zealand. The information that they do hold is confidential because of privacy issues. The nomination forms do not require disclosure of age, gender or ethnicity so there is no public record of these matters, and surnames can be misleading. Discussions with Electoral Officers using this system have indicated there appeared to be very little change in diversity levels in their particular Councils. However, this information could also be distorted by the fact that some of the Councils concerned had their number of Elected Members reduced at the same time. At the Representation Review Workshop organised by the Society Local Government Managers of New Zealand in Wellington in February 2005, representatives of the Ministry of Health had indicated that they believed that the composition of the Elected Members of District Health Boards had become more diverse than previously, without providing any statistical evidence to suggest this assertion. A copy of the Triennial Review Discussion Document is attached at pages A3 to A17.

RESOURCES

Provision has been made in the Annual Plan 2005/2006 to resource the Representation Review.

CONCLUSION

The New Lynn Community Board is requested to consider the issues raised in this report and forward any relevant recommendations regarding the system of Election and/or the issue of separate Maori representation to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee for consideration at its meeting on 8 August 2005.

The process of consultation with the Maori Community on the issue of Maori representation will be reported back to Te Taumata Runanga and the Finance and Operational Performance Committee.

Preparations for public consultation (public meetings and focus groups) with regard to all matters to be considered under the Review are underway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Triennial Representation Review report be received.
2. That the New Lynn Community Board make any relevant recommendations to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on the subject of the system of Election.
3. That the New Lynn Community Board make any relevant recommendations to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on the subject of separate Maori representation.
4. That a workshop will be held on the Representation Review with all Community Board Members as soon as this is practicable.

Report prepared by: Charlie Inggs, Deputy Electoral Officer.



9 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the New Lynn Community Board with an overview of Project Twin Streams outcomes to date.

BACKGROUND

In 1997/1998 Council initiated studies to address stormwater effects in the Oratia and Opanuku Streams. This work led to the creation of Project Twin Streams with a successful application made to Infrastructure Auckland for funding to implement solutions, over a 10 year period, to avoid, remedy and mitigate these effects in ways that also achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes.

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 Huruuru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated storm water management and the restoration of 125 kms 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.

Project Twin Streams is working ultimately towards a community governance model for a sustainable catchment.

A report was submitted to Council for their 20 July 2005 meeting seeking endorsement in principle of the programme objectives and recommending that this project be monitored by the City Development Committee.

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.

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

ISSUES

The vision for Project Twin Streams is *Healthy People in a Healthy Environment: Creating a Sustainable Future*.

Sustainability requires actions across all four aspects of wellbeing – social, economic, environmental and cultural. For Project Twin Streams this will require 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.

A sustainable community development approach is required to deliver the Project Twin Streams vision and objectives

A18 Objectives that reflect a quadruple bottom line approach have been developed to achieve the Vision of the programme and the Auckland Regional Holdings (Infrastructure Auckland) contract, as attached at page A18.

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.

UPDATE ON PROJECT TWIN STREAMS OUTCOMES

Planting and Maintenance Programme

Over 2004/2005 26,441 plants have been planted by over 1,000 volunteers totalling over 2,500 volunteer hours. This has resulted in the revegetation of 8,230 square metres of stream banks. Weed and maintenance programmes have also been carried out on 22,590 square metres of stream banks.

It is envisaged that during 2005 significant planting will take place on the Henderson and Swanson Streams - approximately 150,000 plants are proposed to be planted.

To date the majority of the planting has been undertaken by informal community groups and schools. Increasing community interest has been generated from youth, church groups, schools, local communities, neighbourhood groups and individuals interested in revegetating the banks of their local streams.

Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee (August 2003, September 2004 and July 2005), Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place/Millbrook Rd area (2003) and in the Henderson Valley Road area (2004) to address flooding and stormwater management issues. To date 33 properties have been purchased and a further 11 properties are in various stages of negotiation. This process has been successful with all buyouts taking place with willing sellers. It has not been necessary for Council to resort to using the Public Works Act to acquire the required properties in these areas.

Some of these houses may be sold for relocation after sustainable retrofitting.

Cycle and Walkways

As part of Project Twin Streams, an application was made to Infrastructure Auckland for \$5.5 million to construct 14.5 kms of cycle and walkways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. This application was approved in 2004.

These 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. They also contribute to Project Twin Streams Vision for connecting communities and people with the stream and each other and promoting opportunities for health and exercise.

Work has begun on the cycle and walkway programme which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2006. The programme is on track to complete the public consultation and resource consent process by early 2006 and construction by December 2006.

Public consultation on the cycle and walkways will include the consultation required for the completion of the draft Lower Oratia Reserve Management Plan.

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

A key goal of the Project is to foster community engagement in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. Local ownership 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.

To date Project Twin Streams has contracted two organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their locality. These are:

- Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Ltd in Ranui-Massey along the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek.
- West Auckland District Council of Social Services in the Henderson area along the Henderson Creek.

Using a community development model these organisations will:

- Undertake weeding, planting and maintenance of the streams.
- Plan and organise community events to engage the wider community in weeding, planting and maintenance.
- Build the capacity of the local residents and groups in their locality as well as the business sector to participate in Project Twin Streams and take stewardship of the stream.
- Identify and develop creative opportunities and methods to increase community understanding of the causes and effects of riparian degradation, and ways to change behaviour to mitigate the effects, with assistance and resources supplied by council.
- Assist with monitoring and evaluation of the environmental, social, economic and cultural progress.
- Establish a sustainable structure for the long-term development of the project in their locality.

A short term community development broker position has been established through a contract with West Auckland District Council of Social Services. The purpose of the position is to work with local communities to identify another four community organisations to take up community contracts to engage with Project Twin Streams in their locality. It will also enable Project Twin Streams to be more community owned and driven.

Relationship with Iwi

Regular meetings have been held through the Iwi Consultation process with Ngati Whatua and Te Kawerau a Maki to determine their particular interests in Project Twin Streams. Over the next year cultural heritage reports will be commissioned for the whole Project Twin Streams area and other opportunities developed to progress mutual interests. Cultural heritage reports are currently being undertaken for the areas covered by the cycle and walkways.

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. Resources have been obtained for:

- A part-time Community Arts Co-ordinator for Project Twin Streams to work with the contracted community 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. Funding is initially for 6 months.
- A Maori Economic Development Project to advance Maori interests in establishing economic development opportunities, in particular for youth. Department of Internal Affairs have aligned one of their funding schemes to support this position. Te Kawerau a Maki and Te Piataata Trust will jointly take up this contract with the Department of Internal Affairs from July 2005.

Evaluation and Monitoring

A range of methods is being developed to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of Project Twin Streams in meeting its vision and objectives. The range includes:

- Establishing environmental baseline monitoring to measure the effectiveness of Project Twin Streams in improving the environmental and ecological health of the catchment.
- Developing an integrated evaluation framework to measure the effectiveness of a community development model in delivering the vision and objectives of the programme.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of Project Twin Streams in increasing job and economic development opportunities and improving the health and wellbeing of communities in the catchment.
- Working in partnership with Landcare Research to maximise external research funding.

Evaluation will also occur through Sustainable Communities which will evaluate the effectiveness and processes of central and local government and communities working together to achieve some key Project Twin Streams outcomes.

ISSUES OF INTEREST TO NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Contracts

Over the next few months consultation will be undertaken with Glen Eden communities regarding how Project Twin Streams can best be implemented and to identify a suitable locality based community development organisation to enter into a community contract. It is planned that by the end of 2005 a suitable organisation will have been contracted.

Cycle and Walkways

Community consultation is being planned for the first stage of the walk and cycleway project that includes the lower Waikumete from the confluence with the Oratia Stream to Parrs Park from 22 July to 26 September 2005 with construction planning to be completed by autumn 2005. It is anticipated that community consultation for the cycle and walkways in the Upper Waikumete will take place early next year.

RESOURCES

The resources available are as follows:

- Funding of \$38.2 million has been received from Infrastructure Auckland for stormwater management, repair and restoration of 125 km of streams and to provide social and economic benefits as outline in the contract.
- Funding of \$5.2 million has been received 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 plus.
- Aligned funding from the Department of Internal Affairs for \$80,000 per year for 3 years through their Community Development Project Scheme for Maori economic development.
- A Community Advisor from the Department of Internal Affairs available to contribute up to 20 hours per week to progress agreed Project Twin Streams-Sustainable Communities goals.
- Resources through Landcare Research to establish the integrated monitoring and evaluation framework for Project Twin Streams.
- Funding of \$12 million from Financial Contributions.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams has evolved significantly from its original concept of riparian restoration to become a community development model for catchment restoration as a living example of sustainable development.

The support and involvement of local residents in Waitakere is integral to ensuring Project Twin Streams is responsive to the diverse communities that comprise Waitakere City.

In order to provide an effective overview of the project, it is recommended that Project Twin Streams provide the New Lynn Community Board with progress reports submitted every four months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.
2. That a progress report on Project Twin Streams be submitted to the New Lynn Community Board every four months.

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



10 **LEASE TO GLEN EDEN COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTRE INCORPORATED**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider the renewal of a lease to the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated for part of Harold Moody Reserve.

BACKGROUND

A19 Harold Moody Reserve is a 4.6 hectare reserve located in Glen Eden. The park fronts onto Glendale Road but access can also be gained from Captain Scott Road. It is shown as Open Space in the District Plan and is classified under the Reserves Act 1977 as a recreation reserve. The map attached at page A19 shows the location of the park and the Recreation Centre.

The old War Memorial Hall has been developed by the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated as a Recreation Centre. The Centre is used by an estimated 1,300 people each month and more particularly by the following interest groups: Senior Citizens, a garden club, yoga, music clubs, church groups, indoor bowls, dancing groups and the Friends of Waikumete. The Recreation Centre has been maintained by the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated which coordinates the groups that use the Centre.

The Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated, which is an incorporated society, was granted a lease at the Recreation Centre in 1992 which has now expired. The Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated is made up of local residents, permanent users and a member of the New Lynn Community Board.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Community and leisure facilities and activities contribute to Council's Wellbeing and Urban and Rural Village strategic and policy objectives by helping provide networks of appropriate and accessible public buildings as key community focal points, and a wide range of low cost, low impact community activities.

Council's strategic objective for leisure is that a comprehensive range of leisure, recreation and sports services and facilities are provided.

The Local Government Act 2002 makes it Council's responsibility to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of communities both in the present and for the future.

In 1998, Council approved a Community Leases Policy, which in part encourages the maximum use of its community facilities and states that priority will be given to groups undertaking activities that will make a significant contribution to:

1. Improving access to information, education and learning opportunities;
2. Encouraging the community to be involved in looking after the City's natural, heritage and cultural resources;
3. Fostering cooperation, partnership, and sharing of resources between community groups; and
4. Promoting a sense of belonging and identify for all people in Waitakere City.

ISSUES

The Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated has applied for a renewal of their lease on Harold Moody Reserve.

The Recreation Centre is owned by Council but has been run and maintained by Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated for a number of years and there is a continuing strong demand for the activities which are housed there. The Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated regularly receives funds from Council's Community Halls Fund for general hall maintenance and also intends to apply to the Portage Licensing Trust for funding for new stage curtains and to resurface the floor of the hall. Council officers are also currently working with the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated to finalise plans to upgrade the front entrance of the Recreation Centre. A sum of \$35,000 for this work has been carried over from the 2004/2005 Annual Plan to the 2005/2006 Annual Plan.

Section 54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 provides that Council may lease to any voluntary organisation part of a reserve for buildings for the purpose of recreational activities.

The Community Leases Policy sets a five-year term as the standard term for a lease with a right of renewal at Council's option for a further five years. The rent the group will pay has been assessed at the lowest level possible under the Community Leases Policy.

CONCLUSION

The Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated is well established at the Recreation Centre on Harold Moody Reserve and is providing a valuable service in coordinating the user-groups and managing the centre. It is recommended that a new lease be granted to the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Lease to Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated report be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and arrange execution of a lease with the Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre Incorporated under section 54(1)(b) for the footprint of the building they occupy on Harold Moody Reserve.

Report prepared by: Alastair Dougal, Solicitor, Legal Services and Polly O'Brien, Leisure Services.



11 **GODLEY ROAD, GREEN BAY - INSTALLATION OF NO STOPPING CONTROL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for installation of a new 'No Stopping' parking restriction in the south side of Godley Road between the vehicle crossings of property numbers 142 and 144.

BACKGROUND

A resident of Godley Road has recently contacted Council requesting that a 'No Stopping' parking restriction be installed between the vehicle crossings of property numbers 142 and 144 to discourage drivers from parking in a location which obstructs the access to the adjacent vehicle crossings.

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.

'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

The length of kerb line between the vehicle crossings of numbers 142 and 144 Godley Road is approximately 3 metres. This length of kerb line is insufficient to park a car without obstructing access to one or both of the associated properties. The resident who requested that Council install the 'No Stopping' line has observed that vehicles delivering children to and from the nearby Green Bay High School have parked between the vehicle crossings and obstructing the adjacent vehicle crossings on a number of occasions. Installing a 'No Stopping' line in this location would discourage drivers from parking over these vehicle crossings.

The occupants of nearby properties were consulted regarding the proposed changes by letter. One response was received, and was favourable.

A20 The location of the proposed new parking control is shown on the aerial photograph as attached at page A20.

RESOURCES

The proposed markings and signage changes can be implemented under the 2005/2006 maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposed installation of 'No Stopping' line in Godley Road is recommended to ensure the vehicle crossings of residential properties are not obstructed by parked vehicles.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Godley Road, Green Bay - Installation of No Stopping Control report be received.
2. That in relation to **GODLEY ROAD, GREEN BAY**:
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No.7, 1991 - Traffic, the following controls now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the south kerb line of **GODLEY ROAD** starting from a point adjacent to the property boundary between numbers 142 and 144 **GODLEY ROAD** and extending to a point a further 3 meters east along the kerb line a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIME** 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: Jinjiang Zhong, Transport Engineer.



12 **GLEN EDEN RAILWAY STATION PUBLIC CAR PARK, GLEN EDEN - NEW 'NO STOPPING' CONTROL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for a new 'No Stopping' control in the Glen Eden Railway Station's car park over the end of the east side platform ramp.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from a member of the public requesting installation of the 'No Stopping' control at the above location in order to discourage people parking in a position which obstructs access to the ramp.

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.

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

ISSUES

It is proposed that 'No Stopping' cross hatching marking be installed directly over the end of the east side platform ramp to indicate that parking in this location is illegal.

The purpose of installing the 'No Stopping' control is to ensure that the ramp to the east side platform is conveniently accessible and minimise a hazard for disabled people.

A21 The location of the proposed new marking control is shown on the aerial photograph as attached at page A21.

The operators of the Platform Café located in the station building and Glen Eden Railway Station Trust has been consulted about the proposed change and has not objected.

RESOURCES

The proposed parking controls can be implemented under the 2005/2006 maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposed 'No Stopping' control at the end of east ramp to the platform in the Glen Eden Railway Station Public car park is desirable to ensure the ramp is accessible by all people especially disabled people with scooters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Glen Eden Railway Station Public Car Park, Glen Eden - New 'No Stopping' Control report be received.
2. That in relation to the **GLEN EDEN RAILWAY STATION PUBLIC CAR PARK** located on the east corner of **GLEN VIEW ROAD** and **WEST COAST ROAD, GLEN EDEN:**
 - (a) 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) At the end of the east ramp to the platform of the **GLEN EDEN RAILWAY STATION BUILDING** a 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: Jinjiang Zhong, Transport Engineer.



13 **WOODFERN CRESCENT AND ATKINSON ROAD, TITIRANGI - NEW NO STOPPING CONTROL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval for installation of new 'No Stopping' parking controls in Woodfern Crescent and Atkinson Road, Titirangi.

BACKGROUND

A resident of Woodfern Crescent, through an Elected Member, has contacted Council with a request that a parking restriction be installed between the vehicle crossings of number 12 and 14 Woodfern Crescent.

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.

'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

Woodfern Crescent

There is a curve in the road outside numbers 12 and 14 Woodfern Crescent. There is an unusually large number of properties that gain access to Woodfern Crescent at this curve. In addition to property numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 23 which have frontages on to the street, there are another 17 properties that access the street via commonly owned access lots exiting on to Woodfern Crescent. This high concentration of residential properties means that there is a higher than normal demand for on street parking on the curve in the road outside numbers 12 and 14.

The carriageway of Woodfern Crescent is 8 metres wide kerb to kerb. When vehicles are parked on both sides of a carriageway of this width, the available width of remaining clear carriageway will only allow for one lane of moving traffic. Where drivers approaching from opposing directions are unable to see each other approach, for instance at a curve in the road, there is potential for conflict to occur. To eliminate this potential hazard it is proposed that a 'No Stopping' parking control be installed on the inside of the curve outside numbers 12 and 14 Woodfern Crescent.

The occupants of nearby properties were consulted regarding the proposed changes by letter. Three replies were received. One reply was from a resident who did not object to the proposed change but requested that Council consider new parking restrictions in Atkinson Road near the intersection with Woodfern Crescent. Two replies were from the residents of numbers 12 and 14 Woodfern Crescent. These respondents made comment that the proposed restriction was more extensive than originally requested and asked that Council ensure the extent of the proposed new restriction was kept to a minimum. Small changes to the proposed restriction have been incorporated as much as practical without compromising road user safety.

Atkinson Road

During consultation on the proposed new controls in Woodfern Crescent, one resident requested that Council consider new parking restrictions on the east side of Atkinson Road near the intersection with Woodfern Crescent.

During and after school periods vehicles collecting children from the nearby Kaurilands Primary School are often parked close to Woodfern Crescent in Atkinson Road. These parked vehicles limit the sightlines of drivers exiting Woodfern Crescent on to Atkinson Road and it is recommended that a small amount of parking in this area be eliminated to ensure driver sight lines are kept clear.

It is proposed that new 'No Stopping' controls be installed on the east side of Atkinson between the intersection with Woodfern Crescent and the south side of the vehicle crossing of number 124 and also the intersection with Woodfern Crescent and the north side of the vehicle crossing of number 130.

The occupants of nearby properties were consulted regarding the proposed changes by letter. No replies were received.

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The location of the proposed new parking controls are shown on the aerial photographs as attached at pages A22 to A23.

RESOURCES

The proposed markings and signage changes can be implemented under the 2005/2006 maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposed installation of new 'No Stopping' controls in Woodfern Crescent and Atkinson Road is recommended to improve road user safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Woodfern Crescent and Atkinson Road, Titirangi - New No Stopping Controls report be received.
2. That in relation to **WOODFERN CRESCENT, TITIRANGI**:
 - (a) 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 now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the south kerb line of **WOODFERN CRESCENT** starting from a point 5 metres west of a point adjacent to the boundary between number 12 **WOODFERN CRESCENT** and **WOODFERN RESERVE** and extending to a point a further 35 metres east along the kerb line, a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.

3. That in relation to **ATKINSON ROAD, TITIRANGI**:
- (a) 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 now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
- (i) on the east kerb line of **ATKINSON ROAD** starting from the point where the kerb line meets the north kerb line of **WOODFERN CRESCENT** and extending to a point a further 23 metres north, a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
- (ii) on the east kerb line of **ATKINSON ROAD** starting from the point where the kerb line meets the south kerb line of **WOODFERN CRESCENT** and extending to a point a further 24 metres south, a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** control be put in place.
4. 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.



14 WOOD BAY ROAD AND OPOU ROAD, TITIRANGI - INTERSECTION PRIORITY CONTROL

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the New Lynn Community Board's approval to replace the existing 'Give Way' controls at the intersection of Opoou Road with Otitori Bay Road and at the intersection of Wood Bay Road with Opoou Road with 'Stop' controls.

BACKGROUND

A resident of Opoou Road has contacted Council requesting that the existing 'Give Way' control at the intersection of Wood Bay Road with Opoou Road be replaced with a 'Stop' control. The resident is concerned that drivers exiting Wood Bay Road are failing to stop for through traffic on Opoou Road.

During investigation of the resident's request Council officers noticed that sightlines at the intersection of Opoou Road with Otitori Bay Road were very limited and that a 'Stop' control is warranted at this intersection.

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.

Intersection priority controls can improve road user safety at intersections by better defining turning priorities and reminding drivers of the need to stop when they do not have priority.

ISSUES

Land Transport New Zealand's Manual of Traffic Signs and Markings provides criteria for determining whether a 'Give Way' or 'Stop' control is warranted at a particular intersection. Where the sightlines of drivers approaching an intersection on a non-priority approach are insufficient to see approaching traffic, a 'Stop' control is warranted rather than a 'Give Way' control. Council officers have measured sightlines at the intersection of Opou Road with Otitori Bay Road and at the intersection of Wood Bay Road with Opou Road. Through these measurements it has been determined that due to the limited driver sightlines in these locations, a change from the existing 'Give Way' controls to 'Stop' controls is warranted.

There is no record of any accidents involving failure to give way at either of these intersections in Land Transport New Zealand's accident database; however, this database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents, that have occurred and it is entirely possible one or more accidents have occurred at these intersections.

As the cost of the proposed changes is small in comparison to the potential effects of an accident, it is recommended that new 'Stop' controls be approved at these intersections.

A24 The location of the proposed new intersection priority controls are indicated on the as attached page A24.

RESOURCES

The proposed new 'Stop' controls can be implemented under the 2005/2006 Annual Plan maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to a change the existing 'Give Way' intersection priority controls at the intersection of Opou Road with Otitori Bay Road and at the intersection of Wood Bay Road with Opou Road to 'Stop' controls is recommended to improve road user safety at these intersections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Wood Bay Road and Opou Road, Titirangi - Intersection Priority Controls report be received.
2. That in relation to **OPOU ROAD, TITIRANGI:**
 - (a) 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) that existing **GIVE WAY** control be replaced with **STOP** control on **OPOU ROAD** where it intersects with **OTITORI BAY ROAD**.
3. That in relation to **WOOD BAY ROAD, TITIRANGI:**
 - (a) 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) that existing **GIVE WAY** control be replaced with **STOP** control on **WOOD BAY ROAD** where it intersects with **OPOU ROAD**.

4. That the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 be hereby approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said intersection priority controls.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



15 SOUTH TITIRANGI ROAD - GUARD RAIL

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the New Lynn Community Board with information regarding a request to extend existing guard rail barrier in the vicinity of 672 to 674 South Titirangi Road.

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from the residents of 672B and 674 South Titirangi Road to extend the existing guard rail barrier and/or the planted island that protects the properties from vehicles losing control at the bend. This request has been supported by the adjacent neighbours. There have been several accidents where the existing guard rail has acted as the last line of protection preventing out of control vehicles landing within adjacent properties.

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.

ISSUES

Description of Road Environment

A25 The location of the existing guard rail is situated on a bend approximately three quarters the way down the steep hill. At this location 'Woontons Lane' is a one lane road that intersects with South Titirangi Road. The throat to Woontons Lane is splayed creating a very wide entrance. This wide entrance is bisected with a planted traffic island which provides some protection to cars parked in the space created by the wide entrance. As the island is situated in the middle of the entrance narrow access lanes exist above and below the island. Beyond the lower access an Armco guard rail exists outside properties 674 to 676 South Titirangi Road as shown on the drawing as attached at page A25.

Existing Protection

The existing protection measures are as follows:

- The throat of the Woontons Lane/South Titirangi Road intersection is protected with a planted Island.
- A 'W' Section Armco guard rail exists further down the road outside properties 674 and 676 South Titirangi Road.
- The surface of the road is in good condition and shows little sign of flushing or loss of skid resistance.
- The curve is well delineated to down hill traffic with red 'cats eyes' on the left side edge line and chevrons to indicate the corner.
- A street light is provided directly above the planted island.

Traffic Flow

Woontons Lane provides one way traffic flow at this intersection. It is estimated that less than 30 vehicles per day use this narrow lane. An alternative road that provides access to the same location is the two lane McEldowney Road some 200 metres beyond Woontons Lane.

Although Woontons Lane is a one way, entrance only, local vehicles that park at the entrance use the gaps to exit onto South Titirangi Road. These manoeuvres are legal if the throat area is considered as a slip lane to South Titirangi Road rather than the beginning of Woontons Lane. The upper gap provides good visibility both to the North and South directions of South Titirangi Road. The lower gap only provides good visibility to the South direction of South Titirangi Road and has limited visibility to the North direction of South Titirangi Road. It is hazardous to make a right turn up South Titirangi from the lower gap.

Most vehicles entering the throat or Woontons Lane use the upper gap. These vehicles are coming down South Titirangi Road. Vehicles coming up South Titirangi Road that wish to enter would use the lower gap. These are low in volume as it would be more preferable to use McEldowney Road which they would pass before reaching the lower gap.

Vehicles exiting the throat are only those that have been parked there as Woontons Lane is one way in the opposing direction. These vehicles can use the upper gap safely.

Known Accident History

The Land Transport New Zealand's road accident database for the intersection of Woontons Lane and South Titirangi Road for the past five years has been investigated and the results are as follows:

- No injury accidents were recorded.
- One non injury accident was reported involving an out of control vehicle hitting the planted island.

The accident database contains only those accidents that have been reported to the Land Transport New Zealand by the Police.

Evidence and witness accounts of other accidents where vehicles hit the planted island and barrier are frequent. At least three unreported accidents to date may have occurred during 2005.

Guard Rail Extension

The existing planted island and Armco guard rail barrier do not offer continuous protection. The lower access at the entrance of Woontons Lane creates a gap (5 metres) in the protection offered by the barriers. This gap exposes the properties of 672B and 674 South Titirangi Road to any out of Control vehicle in this area.

To address this issue it is recommended that the existing guard rail barrier on South Titirangi Road outside 672B to 674 be extended further north to close the lower gap (5 metres) at the Woontons Lane intersection with South Titirangi Road.

Consultation

The investigation arose from a request from an affected resident. Neighbours affected by the hazard and the traffic manoeuvres at the throat area are in support of this report's recommendation. It is understood that a delegation of the residents will be present at the Community Board Meeting on 1 August 2005.

RESOURCES

The new guard rail will be funded from the 2005/2006 Annual Budget. The estimate for the new extended guard rail is \$2,000.

CONCLUSION

Guard rail barrier protection is not completely effective unless it is continuous in length. The current protection has two gaps which although providing access to Woontons Lane they create discontinuities in the protection. Closing the lower gap will not adversely affect traffic flow but it will provide the benefit of added protection to the properties of 672B and 674 South Titirangi Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the South Titirangi Road - Guard Rail report be received.
2. That the existing guard rail barrier on South Titirangi Road outside 672B to 674 be extended further north to close the lower gap (5 metres) at the Woontons Lane intersection with South Titirangi Road.

Report prepared by: Brent Piggott, Senior Transport Engineer.



16 PROPOSED RESERVE EXCHANGE - CHETTLE RESERVE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to bring a proposal for a land exchange between the owners of 25A Titirangi Road, New Lynn and Chettle Reserve to the New Lynn Community Board for its consideration.

BACKGROUND

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In 2000 Mr Surman, the owner of 25A Titirangi Road, New Lynn approached the Waitakere City Council with regard to a proposed land swap between Chettle Reserve and his land. This proposal involved an exchange of 556m² of reserve land with approximately 667m² of private land. Part of the reserve land involved in the proposed reserve swap was a strip of land for the purposes of a private access way to a proposed development at 25A Titirangi Road. The proposal was quite similar to the one that is proposed here, except the land being given to Council was significantly smaller. An agenda report, as attached at page A26 to A27, was presented to the New Lynn Community Board on 4 September 2000.

There was some concern at the time from EcoWater that the reserve land adjacent to the Scroggy Stream may be playing a role in buffering the stream and that the development of an access way could lead to erosion. It was suggested that should the proposed land swap be approved and subject to a detailed geotechnical investigation to ensure that the stability of the stream banks would not be compromised by the proposed reserve exchange.

At the New Lynn Community Board meeting held on Monday, 4 September 2000, it was resolved:

- “2. That the proposal to exchange approximately 556m² of Chettle Reserve (part Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 667m² of land forming part of Pt Lot 2 DP 67799 be notified for public submissions in terms of the Reserves Act 1977, with any submission(s) to be brought back to the Board for consideration.
3. That, in absence of any submissions, it be recommended to Council that the proposal to exchange approximately 556m² of Chettle Reserve (part Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 667m² of land forming part of Pt Lot 2 DP 67799 be approved.
4. That prior to final approval of the proposal to exchange approximately 556m² of Chettle Reserve (Part Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 667m² of land forming part of Pt Lot 2 DP 67799 a satisfactory geotechnical investigation to ensure land stability has been undertaken at no cost to Council.”

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A letter was sent to Mr and Mrs Surman on 29 December 2000, as attached at page A28 from the Council's legal department advising that the reserve exchange proposal would be notified in January 2001. However, this never occurred, possibly due to staff changes during the Christmas and New Year period and the project not being handed over.

The property was then sold to Mr Clifford in January 2004 who contacted Council in March 2004 and held a pre-application meeting with Council staff. At this meeting the proposal to carry out a reserve exchange was again brought to Council in which it was proposed to exchange 236m² of reserve with 1833m² of private land at 25A Titirangi Road. This proposal did not involve any reserve land being exchanged for private access from Chettle Court.

The most recent proposal, and the one being presented here, involves the exchange of 394m² of Chettle Reserve for 2308m² of land at 25A Titirangi Road. Since the new proposal has been presented to Council, the Parks department has received objections from the neighbour directly adjacent to the proposed right of way, Mr Robertson, owner of 18 Chettle Court. He has objections to the land swap relating to loss of property value and loss of amenity associated with the removal of reserve status from land directly adjacent to his property. He has also indicated that the local community is unhappy with the proposal.

Because the proposal has changed since 2000, the ownership of the land has changed hands, and there has been some recent opposition from neighbours it was decided that a new report would be taken to the Community Board for their consideration.

There is no current Reserve Management Plan for Chettle Reserve.

The Chettle Reserve was vested in Waitakere City Council on 17 September 1998 as Local Purposed (drainage) reserve and therefore was not originally acquired from the Crown and approval of the Department of Conservation is not needed for the reserve swap.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The areas of land under discussion are the riparian margins of the Scroggy Stream, which is a branch of the Rewarewa Creek which flows into the Whau River. The Scroggy Stream is part of the Rewarewa catchment in New Lynn. This area has been identified as a moderate priority for restoration and public access as part of the Green Network. The stream area also has the potential to provide amenity to the local residents and plays a part in the stormwater network in the New Lynn area.

Parks Strategy

The current Parks Strategy has a policy that existing native ecosystems along Whau Stream network should be upgraded and the parks network extended where possible. The Whau River system is one of the five main networks that has been the focus of Council for restoration and enhancement over the last five years. The Council has been involved in a partnership with Friends of the Whau in the restoration of the streams associated with the Whau River, and the Scroggy Stream is an important stream in this network.

ISSUES

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The current land swap proposal presented by the new owner, Mr Clifford involves approximately 394m² of Chettle Reserve for approximately 2308m² of land at 25A Titirangi Road to enable a private driveway entrance to be constructed from Chettle Court to western side of 25A Titirangi Road and to allow a medium density housing development to be constructed alongside the railway line. An indicative plan of the land swap is attached at pages A29 to A30 and an indicative plan of the proposed development is attached at page A31.

The proposed land swap would involve a strip of grass land in Chettle Reserve, adjacent to the Scroggy Stream, leading from the end of Chettle Court and a grassed corner of Chettle Reserve at the rear of 18 Chettle Court. The total area of reserve land would be approximately 394m². The private land proposed for exchange is a downstream area of native bush and part of the Scroggy Stream downstream, which will extend the Chettle Reserve.

There has been some concern expressed by residents in Chettle Court, in particular, the owners of 18 Chettle Court. They have expressed the concern that their property was purchased with the knowledge that the reserve adjacent to their property will always be reserve and that there will be adverse effects associated with loss of amenity and property value.

The proposed land swap will increase the amenity and ecological values of Chettle Reserve. Council and the community will benefit by having the stream protected as reserve. Council will be losing a grass strip and gaining a streamside environment. The proposed land will also potentially enable a walkway to be located alongside the stream.

Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision and to assess those options. Several proposals for a land swap have been proposed to Council and the current proposal appears to provide the best benefit to Council. An alternative option would be to remove the right of way access from Chettle Court, as there is driveway access to the property from Titirangi Road, however, this would involve bridging over the stream, and would require removal of the existing dwelling. The further option would be not to proceed with the reserve exchange, which would mean the Chettle Reserve would likely remain in private ownership.

It is recommended that the New Lynn Community Board approve the notification of Council's intention to enter into a Reserve Exchange for 394m² of the Chettle Reserve for 2308m² of land owned by Mr Clifford, and that any objections that might arise through the statutory submission period can then be brought back to the Community Board for further consideration.

RESOURCES

All costs associated with the Reserve Exchange will be paid for by the owners of 25A Titirangi Road, New Lynn.

CONCLUSION

A proposal has been received that creates a benefit to the reserves network. It is recommended that the proposed land swap proceed to public notification with the provision that stability concerns are addressed prior to any finalisation of the proposed exchange if there are no objections. If objections arise through the submission period, those issues can be further considered by the Community Board prior to making a decision on the land swap. It is recommended that the land swap proceed with the provision that the proposed subdivision and land use consents are approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Proposed Reserve Exchange - Chettle Reserve report be received.
2. That the New Lynn Community Board approve the notification of Council's intention to enter into a reserve exchange of approximately 394m² of Chettle Reserve (Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 2308m² of land forming Lot 2 DP 67799 under Section 15 of the Reserves Act 1977, with any objections to be brought back to the Board for consideration and subsequent recommendation to Council.
3. That all costs incurred through any reserve exchange process should be borne by Mr Clifford.
4. That prior to any final approval to exchange approximately 394m² of Chettle Reserve (Part Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 2308m² of land forming part of Pt Lot 2 DP 67799 a satisfactory geotechnical investigation to ensure land stability has been undertaken at no cost to Council.
5. That prior to final approval to exchange approximately 394m² of Chettle Reserve (Lot 61 DP 188490) with approximately 2308m² of land forming part of Lot 2 DP 67799 that subdivision and land use consent has been granted for the proposed development.

Report prepared by: Maylene Brown, Parks Consent Planner.



17 **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.

NEW LYNN COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Gayle Marshall (Alternate: Pim van der Voort)
Keep Waitakere Beautiful Committee	Elizabeth Francke
Glen Eden Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall
Glen Eden Community House Management Committee	Gayle Marshall
Green Bay Community House Management Committee	Pim van der Voort (Alternate: SL Taylor)
Council/Police Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke SL Taylor
New Lynn Citizens Advice Bureau	Elizabeth Francke
Glen Eden Community House Management Committee	Gayle Marshall
Youth Advocacy Advisory Group	Gayle Marshall (Alternate: WD Buchanan)
Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group	WD Buchanan (Alternate: EG Francke)
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Hearings Committee	Elizabeth Francke (Alternate: SL Taylor)
Community Sports Fund Allocation Subcommittee	WD Buchanan (Alternate: Gayle Marshall)
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee	Pim van der Voort (Alternate: Gayle Marshall)
COMMUNITY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE	
New Lynn Community Board Street Events Subcommittee	WD Buchanan

