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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 3 October 2006

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 3 October 2006, 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 Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

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

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



4 **PRESENTATION - AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES**

Councillors Sandra Coney and Paul Walbran from the Auckland Regional Council may be in attendance to update the Board on Auckland Regional Council activities.



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 Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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



6 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The highlight this month has been the birth of my first granddaughter. Sarah-Lee was born on the 6 October 2006(2 weeks early). Having had 4 grandsons to date it will be nice to buy something pink and frilly for a change!!

Summerland Drive Traffic Issues

There have been many concerns raised by residents and the local school re the speed and safety issues in and around Summerland Drive, Western Heights.

I attended the Residents and Ratepayers meeting recently and a discussion was held regarding establishing a working group to look at the issues and discuss options to address them. I have since had a meeting with relevant Council officers and I will be facilitating a working group which, with a number of community stakeholders, meet in early November 2006.

Drink Drive Blitz

Along with several other Board members and Council officers I went out with one of 4 of the Police 'Booze Buses' on Friday, 13 and Saturday, 14 October 2006 and rewarded drivers who had no alcohol detected while driving with a lollipop. This was generally received with good humour and it certainly opened my eyes to some realities. I could not believe how many cars did not even slow down when approaching the road block, and on several occasions cars would do a quick U-turn and subsequently be chased by a police car. One driver even did a 'runner' on foot around 11.00 pm and the helicopter was brought in to track him. Unfortunately I never found out if they got their man.

All in all there were around 7644 vehicles stopped over the two nights with only 47 of the drivers being detected with excess breath alcohol. This statistic is down on the previous operations reported by the Waitakere Police. Inserted below is an extract from the article published in the New Zealand Herald on 15 October 2006:

“A blitz on drink driving in the west Auckland area this weekend has netted a slightly lower number of intoxicated drivers than in the past.

Waitakere police conducted the operation, which ran from Friday morning until early this morning. A total of 7644 vehicles were stopped during the 2 evenings.

Of these vehicles just 47 of the drivers were detected driving with excess breath alcohol. 11 people elected to have blood tests taken.

This operation coincided with a number of large sports events within the Auckland area.

Members of the Waitakere City Council accompanied the police and were positive in their reinforcement of the 'don't drink and drive' message by issuing a large number of lollipops to the number of sober drivers that came through the checkpoints.

Waitakere police reported that the number of drivers apprehended is down from previous operations they've conducted.”

Keep Waitakere Beautiful EcoWise Awards

The Keep Waitakere Beautiful Eco Wise Awards was a great night. Congratulations to Gretchen Schubeck and Moira Kennedy and their crew for organising a great event, and again to Gretchen Schubeck for being an accomplished Master of Ceremonies. I would like to congratulate not only the award winners, but give acknowledgement to everyone who was nominated. This is a true testament to a great bunch of community-minded and environmentally astute people, groups and schools.

Kauri Award

The Kauri Award was given to the most active individual volunteer working in the community to beautify Waitakere City by reducing litter, weeds and/or graffiti. The finalists were: Garry Sturgess, Ken Catt, Lyall Gardiner, Mark Gilliver, Melissa Walen, John Sumich.

The Winner: Ken Catt. Ken has been a tireless worker for the environment for a number of years and a very hard working member of the Waitakere Branch Forest and Bird society.

Special Junior Kauri Award: Brendan Potgieter

During the course of judging for our EcoWise Awards, it came to our attention that there was a rather special young man from Massey who had taken on the anti-litter/recycling/reduce messages as his life's mission. Brendan is 11 years old and has organized many of his friends at Lincoln Heights School to keep the school grounds clean and litter free. He encourages recycling and even gets his classmates to collect litter from the roadsides on their way to school.

Totara Award

This award was for the most active group of volunteers. The finalists were: West Lynn Garden Society, The Huia Weed Warriors, Ark in the Park, Keep Herald Island Beautiful Group, Henderson Stake – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, The Huia Community – Upland Glade Management Committee.

Joint Winner: The Huia Weed Warriors and The Huia Community - Upland Glade Management Committee.

Pohutukawa Award

The Pohutukawa Award was given for the tidiest and best presented school grounds through ongoing action by the students. The finalists were: Tirimoana Primary School, New Lynn Primary School, Laingholm Primary School, Fruitvale School Garden Club, Lincoln Heights School, Kelston Deaf Education Centre, Glen Eden Primary.

Highly Commended: Tirimoana Primary School

The Winner: Fruitvale School Garden Club

Puriri Award

The Puriri Award was for the best school grounds tended by students, which feature composting facilities and plant propagation sites. The finalists were: Laingholm Primary School, Oaklynn Special School, Room 10 - Matipo Primary School, Lincoln Heights School.

The Winner: Oaklynn Special School in New Lynn

Special Award to Environmental Education

The Special Award to Environmental Education was given to **Clive Lightbourne** from Glen Eden Primary school who is retiring this year after twenty years at the school. Clive has always been one of the first to put his hand up on behalf of his students to get involved in Operation Spring Clean, War on Weeds, anti-graffiti campaigns and all kinds of other environmental beautification initiatives. Youngsters at the school love him for it, and so do we!

Kowhai Award

This award was given for student leadership, for the student whose positive actions have made a difference in the community and to the environment. There were two finalists in this category, both absolutely deserving and both doing quite different kinds of activities to make Waitakere a better City.

Jessica Grinter who developed an interest in the Pixie Stream in her fourth form year and who is now at university pursuing a career in the environmental field.

Sam Rawlinson, a 12-year old from Rangeview Intermediate School is showing tremendous leadership ability in his fight against graffiti in his neighbourhood.

Rimu Award

Summerland Drive received the Rimu Award for Civic Pride, sponsored by Civic Contractors, for the tidiest, cleanest, and litter and graffiti-free street through positive neighbourhood action.

Award for Individual WasteBlaster of the Year

Earlier this year the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust, with support from **Waitakere Tag Out Trust** held its inaugural **WasteBlasters – Rhythm of Recycling** competition. This event was all about young people having fun with musical instruments that they manufactured themselves from recycled products.

Vincent Loos received the Award for Individual WasteBlaster of the Year. Home schooled, he made a brilliant SANSA thumb piano.

Highly Commended: Riva Dick

Group WasteBlaster Rhythm of Recycling Award

This award went to class 6C Te Pua-wai-tanga o Te Reo at Birdwood School, Karepo Crescent, Ranui. Teacher: Laura Puru.

RECOMMENDATION






That the Chairman's Report be received.


Christine Shepherd, JP
CHAIRMAN









7 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Ranui Station Toilet and Landscaping Officer's Report	This project is now underway and progressing well. Completion is anticipated in early November 2006.	Roscoe Webb ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8768
Claude Abel Pond Reserve, Piha Officer's Report	Funding has been allocated in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan for obtaining consent for the Claude Abel Pond only. The City Development Committee and the Waitakere Community Board approved the mechanical removal of the lilies using a barge mounted on an excavator. The consent process will continue throughout November 2006.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
Gorse Management for Piha Road, Piha 31 August 2004 Resolution No. 864/2003	Stage one of the project is complete. The contract is currently being prepared for stage two, which entails the clearing of a further section of Piha Road.	Helen Swinburne ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8758
Piha Footbridge Officer's Report	The Bridge Evaluation Panel met on Tuesday, 3 October 2006 and unanimously voted for The Story of the Eel as the preferred design for the Piha Domain Footbridge. The concept design will be developed into a detailed design and presented to the Bridge Evaluation Panel for their approval. A report will then be submitted to the Waitakere Community Board and to the City Development Committee. The intention is to carry out physical works in September/October 2007.	David Barker ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8306

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Waitakere River Realignment</p> <p>6 May 2003 Resolution No. 864/2003</p>	<p>The development of detailed designs and consent applications for the installation of bio-degradable sand bags and planting along the river bank adjacent to the Bethells Beach Surf Club is currently underway. The removal of sand will continue in order to prevent further erosion until the above-mentioned measures are in place.</p>	<p>Debbie Chapman</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8303</p>
<p>Kitewaho Reserve Walkway</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>The resource consent lodged for vegetation clearance is still currently being processed. The site has been surveyed and the proposed route submitted to Council officers assessing the consent application. It is anticipated that detail design of the walkway will commence in November 2006, and construction in December 2006.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
<p>Karekare Toilets and Wastewater System Upgrade</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Following the October 2006 Waitakere Community Board meeting, where the Board approved the car park site for the new toilet block and treatment plant, preliminary concept plans are now being prepared for the new block.</p> <p>A pre-application meeting is scheduled with Council's Consents services to discuss the consent application. Feedback to the Karekare community is being prepared to advise of the approved location for the toilet block and will be mailed out by November 2006.</p> <p>Consents will be lodged in November 2006, and the works publicly tendered in January 2007.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
<p>Bethells Beach Public Toilet</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Funding of \$70,000 has been provided in the 2006/2007 Annual Plan for the upgrade of the Bethells Beach Public Toilet.</p> <p>A concept design was presented to the Waitakere Community Board and City Development Committee at their October 2006 meetings. The designs were approved at both of these meetings.</p> <p>Consents are currently being processed and it is proposed to build the new toilet before Christmas 2006.</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>
<p>Swanson Station Park Development</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Partial practical completion has been issued to the contractor for all works excluding the pergola construction. Minor improvement works are also scheduled for completion in November 2006 including barriers at the skatepark entrance, skatepark between the</p>	<p>Andreas Lilley</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8553</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	<p>boundary fencing and the Challenge Service Station, and informal seating around the skatepark.</p> <p>A recycling and rubbish bin combination known as the Recyclopose will be installed near the skatepark to encourage sensible rubbish disposal. This unit has been trialled by Cleaner Production, with positive results, outside the Henderson Library, and promotes recycling of cans and bottles as well as providing for rubbish disposal. This unit will be installed by December 2006. The new drinking fountain and basketball court fencing are updated in the Community Board Minor Parks Projects officer's report.</p>	
<p>Community Board Minor Parks Projects</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Notification has been sent to all applicants advising them of the outcome of the October 2006 Waitakere Community Board meeting.</p> <p>The status of each project is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park on Corner of Bruce McLaren Road and Posa Avenue – A meeting was held with the contractor in October 2006. The planting and seat will be installed within the next month; • Swanson Station Park – A meeting was held with the contractor in October 2006. The drinking fountain and the fence will be installed in November 2006. Funds allocated for the rubbish bin will contribute towards the cost of a recycle bin; • Township Park - Meetings will take place in November 2006 to determine the position of picnic table and bench seat; • Te Henga Reserve - Meetings will take place in November 2006 to determine the project; • Les Waygood Park - Meetings will take place in November 2006 to determine the type and placement of the path; • Oratia Reserve - Meetings will take place in November 2006 to determine the project. 	<p>Laura Mitchell/ Katharine Slack</p> <p> 836 8000 Ext: 8779</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Les Waygood Preschool Playground Sunshade 4 October 2005 Resolution No. 1847/2005</p>	<p>A resource consent has been lodged to obtain approval to work within the Road Reserve, along with a building consent for the shade cloth poles. Physical works will be delayed until the resource consent is obtained.</p> <p>An application for resource consent has been lodged to obtain approval to work within the Road Reserve along with a building consent for the shade cloth poles. Installation of the shade cloth will be undertaken in October 2006.</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext: 8306</p>
<p>Piha Domain Playground Upgrade 3 October 2006 Resolution No. 1902/2006 5 October 2006 Resolution No. 1973/2006</p>	<p>The recommendation that was proposed in the reports submitted to the Waitakere Community Board on Tuesday, 3 October 2006 and the City Development Committee on Thursday, 5 October 2006 was supported and approved. The upgraded facility will be in the same location as the current facility but with an expanded footprint. The working party, set up as per the recommendation by the Waitakere Community Board on 3 October 2006 met on 16 October 2006 and agreed the final design for the style and type of equipment and a safer surface. Resource consents shall be obtained and the contract for works tendered.</p> <p>The intention is to carry out the physical works in March 2007.</p>	<p>David Barker  836 8000 Ext: 8306</p>
<p>Bethells Beach Wastewater System Replacement/Surf Club Connection Officer's Report</p>	<p>At the August 2006 meeting of the City Development Committee a report was presented outlining the implementation issues of a combined wastewater system with the Bethells Beach Public Toilet and Surf Club.</p> <p>The City Development Committee approved the combined wastewater system at no cost to the Surf Club and also authorised funding for the connection of the Surf Club from funding for the Bethells Beach public toilet wastewater system.</p> <p>Council has applied for resource consent and will update the community with the design of the combined system during October/November 2006.</p>	<p>Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext: 8969</p>

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Community Hall Review	12 September 2005 Resolution No. 1737/2005	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Kimberly Rees  836 8000 Ext: 8559
Kiwi Trikers Move from Corban Green Reserve	Community Board Member's Request	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Kimberly Rees  836 8000 Ext: 8559
Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext: 8294

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee Secretary's Report for Tuesday, 31 October 2006 be received.

Report prepared by: Nigel Mercuur, Project Officer/Committee Secretary.



8 TOWN CENTRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present an outline of the proposed Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programme and seek the Waitakere Community Board's endorsement for the proposed implementation of this programme.

BACKGROUND

The focus of the Council in recent years has been on initiating major projects within the town centres. This has seen the construction of several significant projects that are both civic and commercial in nature.

As a counterbalance to this top down process there is the need for grassroots action in order to develop successful centres. In particular, to gain leverage from Council's investment in the town centres, the private sector needs to take ownership of the strategic direction for the centre and its implementation. A comprehensive revitalisation process can be used to gain this leverage.

Revitalisation Processes

Revitalisation programmes have evolved over time and in different settings:

- The Mainstreet Programme had its beginnings in the changing social and economic environment in small town America in the 50's and 60's. More families had cars, and so mobility increased, and to service these more mobile shoppers, large format retail such as supermarkets, cinemas and hardware stores were built out of town on highways serviced by large car parks, which had a negative impact on the traditional strip shopping streets in the town centre. And then of course, shopping malls were born. Internal-looking shopping malls have a negative impact on the street environment. As a result, traditional town centre businesses lost their customers to these new-format shopping magnets. They lost vitality, business activity, and became unsafe. Enter onto the world stage the first Mainstreet Programmes.
- A Mainstreet Programme is a partnership between local government, the businesses, and the community at large. This includes residents, community and cultural groups, educational institutions, churches, non-government organisations and social services.

The programme is based on four main precepts:

- Organisation: getting started, bringing business and community representatives together to make things happen;
 - Design: co-ordinating physical improvements to enhance the image of the town centre and promote what it has to offer. This includes Heritage conservation, capitalising on the heritage significance of the town centre and using it as a means of establishing an identity;
 - Business development: strengthening existing business and creating new opportunities for growth; and
 - Promotion: marketing the town centre through special events and retail promotions.
- The Business Improvement District programme originated later as an expansion of the Mainstreet programme to allow large urban districts in large cities to access the same results: increased social capital, rekindled entrepreneurship, downtown co-operation, and civic involvement.
 - New processes such as Place Management utilise precepts similar to the Mainstreet programme structure.

New Zealand picked up these processes in the early 90's, and variations on these programmes have been established in New Zealand through a direct funding injection by the Local Authority. Many are then maintained through separate rating.

From simple beginnings in small towns across the country, Manukau City and Auckland City now run comprehensive Council-supported programmes for their urban and suburban town centres.

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A short summary of the Manukau City and Auckland City programmes is included in the attachment at page A1.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The establishment of this programme has a strong fit with the Council's strategic platforms. The linkages with the key platforms are outlined as follows:

- **Urban and Rural Villages**

The Council alone is not responsible for the delivery of vibrant and thriving town centres. This programme involves working with all the town centre stakeholders to harness their contributions towards achieving this strategic platform.

- **Integrated Transport and Communication**

It is important to engender support amongst town centre stakeholders for public transport. An understanding of the Council's sustainable transport policies, and how these might be achieved, will be embedded with the stakeholders and can flow on to their business practices.

- **Strong Innovative Economy**

Through support for strong business associations and active stakeholder participation in addressing local issues in partnership with Council, there will be the flow-on effects of a strengthened local economy and job creation.

- **Strong Communities**

There are several benefits from increasing the ability of stakeholders in town centres to work collaboratively amongst themselves on local issues such as safety and accessibility, and to work co-operatively with the Council on town centre projects.

- **Active Democracy**

By creating a mutually beneficial partnership the door is opened to enhance civic participation, improved communication, and stakeholder willingness to get involved.

- **Green Network**

"Greening" Waitakere's town centres is an objective of this project, to be implemented in business plans as the process evolves.

In addition to working across the above strategic platforms this programme will also facilitate the implementation of several of the Council's key strategies including:

- Town Centre strategy;
- Growth Management strategy;
- Transport strategy;
- Social infrastructure; and
- Economic Development strategy.

This programme is an integral part of the Council's strategic town centre planning. It has been identified in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

This programme will act as a co-ordinating mechanism to pull together various work programmes across the Council. In particular the programme will work closely with the Strategy Unit and sit alongside Strategic Projects' support for business growth in Waitakere, and Enterprise Waitakere's work on business performance improvement, enhancement, retention and recruitment.

The suggested name for the process is Town Centre Strategic Partnerships Programme.

ISSUES

The Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programme aims to establish a mutually beneficial partnership structure in Waitakere between the local authority and stakeholders in each town centre.

In looking at the various models for engagement it is important to build in a local response to the specific needs of each town centre. The proposed partnership structure will be modelled on existing world-wide examples (Mainstreets, Business Improvement Districts, and Place Management principles). Current global trends confirm that such partnerships with common goals lead to improved quadruple bottom line results for all participants.

This process is to be applied over time to all Waitakere town centres ranging from the large centres right through to small villages and strip-shopping precincts.

This would be linked to a programme of strategic planning for each of the City's town centres as identified in the Growth Management Strategy.

Part One - Each partnership will be comprised of:

- Waitakere City Council, which provides resources in the form of seed funding, and officer time to facilitate the process through community networking and public meetings to empower town centre stakeholders to enter the partnership; and
- A legal entity within each town centre made up of business and community representatives. (Some town centres have existing business or traders associations. The process will be initiated with their members.) An incorporated body is suggested as being necessary to demonstrate a level of commitment from the stakeholders that would make the implementation of the programme viable. Establishment of such a legal entity followed by a formal request to this Council to participate in the programme would constitute eligibility for the above resources;
- To maintain accountability, an appropriate agreement will be signed by both parties.

Part Two - The following steps are suggested for implementation:

- A strategic framework is prepared for endorsement;
- Town centre stakeholders are introduced the concept. Staff facilitate the process by which each town centre project progresses, which will vary according to the individual needs of each town centre. The town centre stakeholders will:
 - form a working group;
 - as their first task, establish a collaborative organisation (incorporated society with specific constitution), supported by the majority of stakeholders in their town centre;
 - make a formal request to the Council to participate in the programme;
 - be eligible for seed funding.
- Seed funding is provided for town centres once they achieve these organisational requirements. It will be used in a number of ways to create a vision for their town:
 - To write and adopt strategic / business plans;
 - To appoint a town centre co-ordinator.
- The seed funding is only intended to provide a foundation, and to scope a plan which the incorporated stakeholder group can work from. It is clearly recognised that it is not sustainable for this Council to be the only funding source for the ongoing implementation of the programme. It is intended that once a town centre has achieved this first stage, work would commence on striking a separate rate that would fund the ongoing tasks identified by the incorporated stakeholder group.
- Once agreement is reached about the separate rate (according the processes set out under the Local Government Act 2002), the Council strikes the rate for that town centre:
 - The town centre is then eligible to utilise and account for the proceeds of the separate rate according to their business plan. The Council would retain a financial management role over the funds.
- Council staff will continue to work alongside the Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programmes:
 - Monitoring, reviewing and evaluating to ensure that each Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programme achieves its goals on an ongoing basis;

- Integration with other Council strategic work is achieved through the consistent communication and sharing of information within the partnership;
- Leverage on the Council's investment in the town centres is achieved.

Part Three - Implementing this process will:

- Increase social capital in the City by:
 - Empowering stakeholders within the town centres to take responsibility for their own physical, social, financial, and community environment;
 - Heightening community awareness and loyalty to their local town centre (e.g. shopping locally, heritage preservation, arts, use of civic space, attendance at events, promotional activity);
 - Increasing visitor numbers (both pedestrians and vehicle traffic);
 - Creating a more desirable environment for existing businesses, and for attracting intending businesses; and
 - Increasing the multi-functionality of town centres.
- Improve town centre performance overall in order to increase its contribution to the City in terms of:
 - Increasing retail sales;
 - Increasing employment numbers;
 - Reduced building and site vacancies; and
 - Producing a more consistent rates return.

The proposed programme is designed to deliver these benefits.

Part Four - Stakeholder Engagement

To maximise the benefits from this programme it will be necessary to get engagement from a wide range of stakeholders. It is intended that the following groups would be approached to be involved in the programme:

- Traders;
- Property Owners;
- Developers;
- Police;
- Schools;
- Community representatives;
- Councillor representatives;
- Community Board representatives;
- Government Agencies.

(This list is not intended to be exhaustive)

This proposal is presented with due consideration to the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of Waitakere City, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an enhancement on all four levels of the town centres of Waitakere.

RESOURCES

It is anticipated that two Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programmes would be initiated in the each of the first two years of the process. There are officer and budget resources assigned to establish this programme within the City Development section for years one and two.

The City Development Committee has endorsed this process, and has made appointments to the four town centres which will be initiated in the first two years. The process will not be initiated in any town centres in the Waitakere ward during this period.

If the programme succeeds and flourishes, as is the experience of other Councils, then additional resources would need to be considered in future Long Term Council Community processes before the programme could be expanded.

Within the existing City Development section budget, \$10,000 per project is available to seed fund two projects in each of the first two years (four projects in total).

CONCLUSION

The need for Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programmes has been clearly recognised through requests from the existing traders, and from Community Board discussions. The Council has also recognised this need to re-establish the Henderson Business Association (Henderson Liaison Group for Civic Developments, City Development Committee, 4 September 2003), and New Lynn Village Traders Association as a means of further supporting the growth and performance of the various town centres. This programme builds a partnership based on a grassroots approach, and leverages benefits from private sector commitment from within the existing town centres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programme report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board endorse the proposed implementation of the Town Centre Strategic Partnership Programme within the City Development 2006/2007 programme.

Report prepared by: Robin Jenkin-Winter, Principal Advisor Town Centre Liaison and Yvonne Rust, Group Manager: City Development.



9 WESTERN HEIGHTS - NEW BUS STOPS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for five new bus stops in Western Heights.

BACKGROUND

Stagecoach, a bus service operator providing public transport services in Waitakere City is planning to extend the route of its existing 09 flyer route in Western Heights to provide better coverage and faster service for local bus patrons in this area. It has requested that Council review the route of the planned change and provide new bus stops where necessary to facilitate this change.

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 marked and 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.

ISSUES

In Western Heights the current 09 flyer route starts at Sturges Road rail station, travels via Sturges Road, then right into Harvest Drive, then left into Summerland Drive and then into Palomino Drive. The planned new route in Western Heights starts at Sturges Road rail station, travels via Sturges Rd, then right into Harvest Drive, then right into Hillwell Drive, then left into Waterstone Drive, then left into Summerland Drive and then into Palomino Drive.

Council and Stagecoach staff have travelled the proposed 09 flyer route and have identified a number of locations where additional bus stops are required to supplement existing stops in the area. Six locations were identified.

It is proposed that new bus stops be created in the following locations:

1. In Waterstone Way between the vehicle crossings of numbers 10 and 12.
2. On the south side of Summerland Drive between the vehicle crossing of 10 Summerland Drive and the intersection of Somerton Rise and Summerland Drive.
3. On the north side of Summerland Drive between the vehicle crossings of numbers 21 and 23.
4. On the east side of Summerland Drive opposite the existing stop at number 46.
5. On the south side of Harvest Drive outside numbers 28 and 30.
6. On the west side of Hillwell Drive between the vehicle crossing of number 14 and the intersection of Hillwell Drive and Braestar Court.

Five of these proposed stops are in the Waitakere Ward and one stop is in the Massey Ward. The three Summerland Drive stops, the Harvest Drive stop and the Braestar Court stop are in Waitakere Ward. The Waterstone Place Stop is in Massey Ward.

It is proposed that the stops within the Waitakere Ward now be formally approved by the Waitakere Community Board.

A consultation letter was sent to occupants of properties adjacent to the proposed new bus stops. No replies were received.

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The location of the proposed changes is indicated at pages A2 to A7.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in convenience for residents of the City using public transport and to promote sustainable transport.

RESOURCES

The proposed new bus stops can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan road maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install five new bus stops in the Western Heights area is recommended to allow an improved bus route providing greater convince to bus patrons.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Western Heights - New Bus Stops report be received.
2. That in relation to **SUMMERLAND DRIVE, WESTERN HEIGHTS:**
 - (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) on the south kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from a point 11 metres east of the point where the kerb line meets the east kerb line of **SANHURST RISE** and extending along the kerb line to a point a further 17 metres east a new **BUS STOP** parking control be put in place.
 - (ii) on the north kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from a point 2 metres west of the property boundary between numbers 21 and 23 **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** and extending along the kerb line to a point 10 metres east of the property boundary between 21 and 23 **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** a new **BUS STOP** parking control be put in place.
 - (iii) on the east kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** starting from a point 32 metres south of a point opposite the point where the west kerb line of **SUMMERLAND DRIVE** meets the north kerb line of **PARKCREST DRIVE** and extending to a point 18 metres further south along the kerb line a new **BUS STOP** parking control be put in place.
3. That in relation to **HARVEST DRIVE, WESTERN HEIGHTS:**
 - (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) on the south kerb line of **HARVEST DRIVE** starting from a point 11 metres east of the of the property boundary between numbers 28 and 30 **HARVEST DRIVE** and extending to a point a further 16 metres west along the kerb line a new **BUS STOP** parking control be put in place.
4. That in relation to **HILLWELL DRIVE, WESTERN HEIGHTS:**
 - (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) on the west kerb line of **HILLWELL DRIVE** starting from a point 10 metres north of the point where the kerb line meets the north kerb line of **BREASTAR COURT** and extending to a point a further 15 metres north along the kerb line a new **BUS STOP** parking control be put in place.
5. 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 parking limitations and restrictions.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



10 SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON - NO STOPPING PARKING RESTRICTION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new 'No Stopping' parking restriction in Swanson Road, Swanson.

BACKGROUND

A local resident has raised concerns regarding the 'exit' vehicle crossing from the Swanson Railway Station car park. The resident is concerned that vehicles park very close to the vehicle crossing and that this creates a potential safety hazard by blocking sight lines between drivers exiting the car park and moving traffic on Swanson Road.

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

Land Transport New Zealand's Road and Traffic Standards Series documents RTSS 6: Guidelines for visibility at driveways recommends that a minimum of 80 metres driver sight distance to oncoming traffic should be provided at vehicle crossings.

This sight distance is already available on the west side of the 'exit' vehicle crossing from the Swanson Railway Station car park. But on the east side of the crossing this sight distance is not currently available when vehicles are parked at the east end of the short, 13 metre long, 'No Stopping' line currently installed to the east of the crossing.

In order to provide sufficient driver sight distance when exiting the vehicle crossing it is proposed that the existing 'No Stopping at All Times' parking restriction on the east side of the 'exit' vehicle be extended further east by 10 metres (approximately 2 car lengths). This length of the proposed extension has been calculated based on the assumption that drivers exiting the vehicle crossing move the nose of their vehicle as close as is safely possible to the edge of the traffic lane when exiting the station car park.

A consultation letter was sent to occupants of properties close to the proposed change. No responses were received.

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The location of the proposed changes is indicated at page A8.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed new parking restriction can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan road maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposal to install a new 'No Stopping' parking restriction in Swanson Road, Swanson is recommended to improve road user safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Swanson Road, Swanson - No Stopping Parking Restriction report be received.
2. That in relation to **SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON:**
 - (a) that all existing parking restrictions or limitations currently applicable to **SWANSON 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 authorised 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 south kerb line of **SWANSON ROAD** starting from the east edge of the 'exit' vehicle crossing for the **SWANSON RAILWAY STATION** car parking area extending to a the point a further 23 metres east along the kerb line a new **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking 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 be hereby 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.



11 CHADLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN HEIGHTS - NEW BUS STOP MARKING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new 'Bus Stop' marking at the existing bus stop in Chadlington Avenue, Western Heights.

BACKGROUND

A resident in Chadlington Avenue is concerned that drivers constantly use the existing bus bay as a parking bay which forces buses to stop in the middle of the road to pick up and drop off passengers. The resident is concerned that the parked vehicles are causing safety hazards to the flow of traffic and requested Council to install a Bus Stop marking at the existing bus bay.

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

ISSUES

The existing bus stop is located outside number 22 Chadlington Avenue and is currently marked only with a regulatory bus stop sign. When a Council officer visited the site, vehicles were observed parking in the existing bus bay. It is illegal to park within six metres either side of a regulatory bus stop sign, therefore installing the bus stop marking will discourage people from parking in a location dedicated as a bus stop.

The occupants of properties adjacent to the proposed bus stopping marking were consulted regarding the proposed changes by letter. One favorable reply was received.

A9 The location of the proposed new bus stop marking is shown on the aerial photograph at page A9.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as promulgated in Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002. The principal community outcome to be derived is an improvement in the level of traffic management resulting in an increase in safety and convenience for residents of the City.

RESOURCES

The proposed markings changes can be implemented under the 2006/2007 Annual Plan road maintenance budgets.

CONCLUSION

The proposed new 'Bus Stop' marking at the existing bus stop outside 22 Chadlington Avenue is recommended to warn drivers that it is illegal to park at a bus stop.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Chadlington Avenue, Western Heights - New Bus Stop Marking report be received.
2. That in relation to **CHADLINGTON AVENUE, WESTERN HEIGHTS:**
 - (a) That, in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Transport Act 1998, the Land 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 west kerb line of **CHADLINGTON AVENUE** starting from the south edge of the existing bus bay outside 22 **CHADLINGTON AVENUE** and extending to the point on the north edge of the existing bus bay outside 22 **CHADLINGTON AVENUE**, a new **BUS STOP** marking 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 FINALISATION PROCESS FOR YEAR 2 OF THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN, (ANNUAL PLAN 2007/2008)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Community Boards of the current steps for the finalisation of Year 2 of the Long Term Council Community Plan, (2007/2008 Annual Plan) and also invites Boards to advise Council through the Chief Executive Officer by Friday, 17 November 2006 on any variations to the Long Term Council Community Plan they wish to recommend.

BACKGROUND

The Council in June 2006 adopted its Long Term Council Community Plan for 2006-2016. This document sets out the Council's ten-year expenditure pattern and work programme incorporating its strategic priorities and platforms. The document includes community outcomes and measures of performance. The next Long Term Council Community Plan must be adopted by 30 June 2009.

An Annual Plan for 2007/2008 must be prepared and adopted by 30 June 2007. The programme in Year 2 of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 represents the agreed work programme for projects for 2007/2008. The Council has commenced a process of considering the work programme outlined in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and will be formally consulting on the second year of the Long Term Council Community Plan as part of the draft Annual Plan for 2007/2008.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan are the tools used by Council to deliver the Council's strategic direction. The Council's strategic direction is expressed through a series of strategic statements, the Platforms and Priorities. The Long Term Council Community Plan must describe how the local authority contributes to furthering the community outcomes.

ISSUES

At part of its meeting of 20 September 2006, Councillors, Community Board Chairmen and senior officers held a workshop to provide feedback on the process of the recently completed Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and to provide comment on any aspects of the 2007/2008 intended work programme that requires further consideration.

The approach adopted is that the 2007/2008 Annual Plan is Year 2 of the final Long Term Council Community Plan and that any changes will be considered as exceptions from that published and will only be accommodated after consideration of adjustments to items already included in the Long Term Council Community Plan. It is anticipated at this time that there will be few changes, and little relitigation of matters settled in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

During the feedback phase of the workshop, Community Board engagement in the budgeting process was discussed and it was agreed that a report should be tabled at the November Community Board meetings to formally advise them of the process and expectations and to invite the Boards to have early input into the Annual Plan process. If the Board has any proposals for variations to the 2007/2008 Annual Plan, they should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer by Friday 17, November 2006.

Workshop attendees also identified a number of areas where they would like further information. These were considered at the October meeting of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee. Topics included footpaths, community houses, environmental education and potential District Plan Changes required to bring the District Plan in line with the City's strategic outcomes.

The Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee meeting on 21 November 2006 will consider the proposed contents of the 2007/2008 Annual Plan and any proposed exceptions to Year 2 of the Long Term Council Community Plan.

CONCLUSION

The proposed 2007/2008 Annual Plan is Year 2 of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2016. Council has taken the approach that it will only consider exceptions from the published Long Term Council Community Plan that will, in the first instance only be considered after considering adjustments to the work programme contained within the adopted Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016. The November meeting of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee will be considering any proposals. All Community Boards have been invited to consider the aspects of the Long Term Council Community Plan and to advise Council of any variations they wish to recommend. Any proposals will need to be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by Tuesday, 17 November 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Finalisation Process for Year 2 of the Long Term Council Community Plan, (Annual Plan 2007/2008) report be received.
2. That the Chairman of the Waitakere Community Board (or their delegate) advise the Chief Executive Officer by Friday, 17 November 2006 of the Annual Plan 2007/2008 exceptions identified in the Community Board meeting's consideration of this report.

Report prepared by: Andrew Pollock, Director: Finance.



13 WAITAKERE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC TOILET

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval of the design and location of the proposed public toilet at Waitakere Township.

BACKGROUND

A community request for public toilet facilities to be provided in the vicinity of the Waitakere Township Rail Station identified a need that meets Council's strategic objectives. \$232,000 was allocated through the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 process for the development of public toilet facilities and associated wastewater treatment systems at Waitakere Township.

Council officers attended the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association meeting on 9 August 2006 to present several toilet design options for consideration by the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association. They were given the opportunity to discuss the options presented and select a suitable design. The toilet style design options presented included an Exeloo Toilet, Novaloo Toilet with various features and a concrete block style toilet. The Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association preferred the concrete block style toilet.

This was followed by a further meeting with the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association meeting on 13 September 2006 to discuss the selected concrete block design and consider the most suitable location of the toilet. A concept design was developed by Council taking into consideration the preferences of the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association.

A mail drop was conducted on 29 September 2006 informing the Waitakere Township community and ratepayers of the proposed public toilet design. The mail drop also invited the community to attend a drop-in workshop on 13 October 2006 to further discuss the proposed concept design. The mail drop also included a submission form for comments and feedback.

Twenty-two submissions were received by post with twenty of them being positive about the concept design. All submissions incorporated suggestions around more durable materials and concern over graffiti and vandalism.

There have been two negative submissions regarding the proposed concept design. The concerns of both of the submissions surrounded the value for money and whether toilet facilities were actually required at Waitakere Township.

Any future feedback received and the results of the drop-in workshop will be reported to the Waitakere Community Board at the meeting on 31 October 2006.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project contributes to Council's Urban and Rural Villages Platform where the objective is to enhance the quality of public spaces in rural villages.

This project also contributes to Council's Integrated Transport and Communications by providing additional facilities to make using the rail network more attractive and user friendly.

ISSUES

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The proposed concept design as shown at pages A10 to A11 will provide two all accessible unisex toilets. The current proposed design shows both the public toilet facility and the two disposal options. Both disposal options are currently being considered for suitability. Disposal option 1 will be developed if the site is suitable. Disposal option 2 will only be used if all other possibilities are exhausted. Disposal option 2 would require the relocation of the playground facilities and reduced open space for community events. Both disposal options will provide the same service.

Council is not currently the owner of the land directly in front of the Waitakere Township Rail Station or Township Park. A lease is currently being negotiated with ONTRACK for this property.

Two negative submissions received questioned the need for public toilet facilities at Waitakere Township and the value of the project. Currently there are no public toilets provided at Waitakere Township. A number of community events are hosted in this location each year where increased facilities will provide a benefit to the community. Also, public toilets at Waitakere Township will encourage further use of the rail network by providing increased facilities.

The proposed design incorporates the following sustainable features to reduce vandalism, graffiti and ongoing costs to Council:

- Tilt slab concrete or concrete block walls;
- All fixtures and fittings are stainless steel;
- All services (plumbing and electrical) are hidden in the walls;
- Use of vandalite or similar vandalism resistant lighting;
- Maximum use of natural lighting and ventilation through the roof design.

There are opportunities for local artists to enhance the appearance of the block with a possible mural or art pieces on the blank walls. A design will be developed jointly with the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association and Council and reported to Waitakere Community Board for approval when a concept has been developed.

The final decision of the Waitakere Community Board on the Waitakere Township public toilet concept design will be communicated back to the Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Association and affected residents.

Following the approval of the Waitakere Community Board, the proposed concept design will then progress into detailed design to obtain building consent.

It is intended that physical works will be carried out in 2006/2007 financial year.

Any further feedback obtained will be provided for the Board at the meeting.

Decision Making

Various toilet design options and their advantages and disadvantages were identified for the Waitakere Township Public Toilet. These options were presented to the Community for consultation. The Community have decided on the proposed design. These options have been assessed against relevant criteria in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002.

RESOURCES

Funding has been allocated for the provision of public toilets at Waitakere Township through the 2006/2007 Annual Plan as set out below:

Account from 2006/2007 Annual Plan	Budget
Town Centre Projects Community Infrastructure Waitakere Railway and Town Centre Duoloo	\$232,000
Capital Expenditure – Land Waitakere Railway and Town Centre Duoloo	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$432,000

CONCLUSION

The concept design has incorporated the feedback from the local community. The Waitakere Township Public Toilet has been designed to reduce vandalism and ongoing costs to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Waitakere Township Public Toilet report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board approve the proposed concept design, allowing for if disposal option one is not suitable then pursuing disposal option two for the development of public toilet facilities and associated wastewater treatment systems at Waitakere Township.

Report prepared by: Debbie Chapman, Parks Project Development Officer.



14 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams outcomes to October 2006.

BACKGROUND

The purpose or kaupapa for Project Twin Streams is: *Working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.*

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 stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with a sustainable community development approach. The Project Twin Streams catchment has a population of 100,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.

Central to the long term success of the project is finding ways of raising people's awareness of the causes of the degradation of streams, and behaviour changes to address these. This requires working across all aspects of wellbeing (environmental, social, economic and cultural), and actions that promote strong, healthy, engaged local communities who understand the challenges facing their catchment and take responsibility for them.

At the 8 December Meeting 2005 of the City Development Committee Project Twin Streams presented the detailed strategic plan for endorsement. The Committee passed the following resolutions:

1. *That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received*
2. *That the Project Twin Streams detailed project plan as set out in this report be endorsed."*

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The 8 December 2005 Agenda Report provided additional background information on Project Twin Streams and the detailed project plan.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's major projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms and its contribution to Community Outcomes – Green Network, Strong Communities, Sustainable Environment, Strong Economies, Waiora (Environmental Projection, Whaiora (Participation in society). The Community Outcome priorities strongly identify Project Twin Streams as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of these outcomes.

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. Projection 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 Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

OUTCOMES

Planting and Maintenance Programme

The planting season has been short this year, from May to September, but despite this 71,451 plants have been planted – ten percent more than anticipated. Major weed clearance activity is occurring throughout the Opanuku, Waikumete and Swanson Streams. Maintaining a weed-free environment is key to restoration and creates an environment for the natural re-generation of plants. Forward planning is almost completed to ensure activities are on track for completion of the planting programme by 2012 as agreed under the terms of the IA funding (subsequently replaced by Auckland Regional Holdings).

Highlights for 2006:

- Community Contract Organisations have organised local communities to plant 43,684 plants. They have engaged 1,571 volunteers in planting, 865 volunteers in site preparation and maintenance activities and 168 volunteers in rubbish removal.
- Successful community planting days have occurred in Swanson, Ranui, Opanuku and Henderson with events being well-attended by local residents.
- There is a wide-range of groups adopting sections of the stream banks. These groups range from schools, mental health and disability groups, youth and youth at risk groups, church groups, alternative education groups and whānau groups.
- Nine local schools are actively engaged in Project Twin Streams – both in site preparation and planting and related educational and arts activities to raise awareness of the issues facing the streams.
- Community Contract Organisations are working with Community Corrections through their community work programme. They have been involved in restoration activities in areas which are not so accessible to local communities. This has been a very successful partnership with some community work participants coming back to work on the streams in their own time. Three of the participants have been engaged by commercial contractors on an as need basis.
- The Project Twin Streams Team worked with Councillor Dallow and Beatrice Faumuina to organise a planting along the fitness trail behind The Trusts Stadium. This was an extremely successful event with 1,500 plants planted by members of the sports clubs affiliated with the Trusts Stadium. A commitment was made by Beatrice Faumuina to organise on-going stadium involvement in the care and maintenance of this area.
- An extensive willow eradication programme is being progressed on the Waikumete, Swanson and Opanuku Streams. Willow is the major environmental weed on the stream and contributes to flooding.

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to build community ownership of the Project 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. This model is proving extremely effective in engaging the diversity of Waitakere communities in Project Twin Streams.

There are now four organisations that have community contracts with Project Twin Streams which have been approved by the Tenders Subcommittee. These are:

- **Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi** in Ranui-Massey along the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruuru Creek. This project is being delivered in association with the Ranui Action Project. Highlights for this year include three community planting days each focussing on different themes – celebrating children, celebrating matariki and celebrating Ranui. There are nine groups who have adopted sections of the stream and are involved in regular programmes of site preparation, weeding and maintenance. Weed eradication and stage one planting is completed on the stretch of stream from Swanson Road to Glen Road. This is a great demonstration site of community achievement. Engagement in Project Twin Streams Ranui-Massey has also stimulated discussion of how to generate employment pathways and a skills-based training programme for rangatahi/at risk youth working regularly on the stream. Te Ukaipo have brokered work experience and employment for two young people wanting to pursue a career in horticultural as a result of their participation in Project Twin Streams.
- **West Auckland District Council of Social Services (WADCOSS)** in the Henderson area along the Henderson Creek. A number of successful planting events have been organised with local schools and community groups. Flanshaw Road Primary School has also established a Project Twin Streams garden in the school grounds.
- **Corban Estate Arts Centre** along the Lower Opanuku Stream to Border Road. This project is being delivered jointly between Corban, WEA (Workers Education Association) and the Waitakere Pacific Arts & Cultural Trust. There has been extensive community involvement in this project with eight local groups having adopted areas of the Opanuku Stream and two successful community planting days held. A particular highlight has been the involvement of Te Ata – a Maori mental health group who have had weekly programme on their adopted site. Participants have been learning new skills as well as delivering pamphlets advertising community planting days. Corban Estate is becoming a showcase for community planting with significant areas being weed controlled and revegetated.
- **EcoMatters Environment Trust** in Glen Eden along the Waikumete Stream. On 20 September 2006 there was a powhiri and ceremony at Glen Eden School to celebrate the signing of the Glen Eden Community Contract. Councillor Clews was part of the official party from Waitakere City Council that took part in this occasion along with Gayle Marshall from the New Lynn Community Board. This contract will be delivered in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School and other local schools in the area. There is a huge amount of passion and energy from the three schools in Glen Eden to work together for Project Twin Streams.
- In Swanson residents are actively involved and have organised and completed planting on the Parklands Road reach of the Swanson Stream through two successful community planting days. They are now in the process of negotiating with the Swanson Golf Club to begin weed eradication and a planting programme for 2007.

A registration of interest has just been advertised for a community contract for the Lower Oratia Stream. It is hoped that a community contract will be in place by the end of the year for this section of the stream.

The work of the community contract organisations is strengthening local communities not only through community planting events but by sharing experiences, creative learning, developing art works, expressing local culture, developing community pride, bridging diversity and opening up opportunities for training and employment.

Creative Processes

Creativity is an essential tool for generating interest and excitement in Project Twin Streams and in beginning to understand the issues facing the catchment – particularly for children. The Project Twin Streams Community Arts Worker, a temporary position, who is funded through external funding, has been working alongside the community contract organisations to creatively engage people in re-building their relationship with their local streams.

Highlights for 2006:

- Children at Birdwood School in collaboration with a student from AUT Communication Course have produced a 6 minute DVD, Te Taiao, of a rap they have written about caring for Swanson Stream. Opportunities are being explored to show this on Maori TV.
- Artwork produced by children from Flanshaw Road Primary has been published as a beautiful book of art images and words that express their vision for and relationship to Henderson Creek. This book was launched at Story Fest. It will be available as a resource for other schools and it is anticipated by the Principal of Flanshaw Road Primary that it will be of national interest.
- A mobile of the Giant Kokopu, a native fish living in our streams, has been erected outside the Massey Community Centre. This fish was made by residents at a Ranui planting day and completed by pupils from Lincoln Heights School. This has attracted positive comments from users and other visitors to the centre.
- Planning is underway for a giant eight metre fabric eel to be part of the Henderson Santa Parade. Local community groups will be involved in walking under and alongside the eel. It will display symbols and messages from community groups about the eel and its need to live in healthy streams.

A significant number of people, particularly children, who are engaging with Project Twin Streams through the community arts projects, are also actively involved in stream restoration activities.

Cycle and Walkways

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In 2004 an application was approved by Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for \$5.2 million to construct cycle/walkways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. (Attached at page A12 is a map of the cycle/walkway routes). An additional \$3.4 million from Council with a subsidy from Land Transport New Zealand has recently been approved, pending final designs, to cover the full costs of this project.

Consultation, resource consents and design are now being completed and construction of the Lower Oratia and Lower Waikumete sections of the cycle/walkway is about to go to tender, closely followed by the Lower Opanuku and the Upper Opanuku and Upper Waikumete sections. It is anticipated that the construction on the majority of the cycle and walkways will have been completed by the end of summer, apart from the bridges. An arts bridge for the confluence of the Lower Oratia and Lower Waikumete Streams is planned.

Focal points along the cycle and walkways have been planned that demonstrate sustainable technologies such as stormwater ponds, permeable paving and solar lights as well as seating and interpretation panels. Artistic impressions and tiles signifying different aspects of the project and local points of interest are also being planned as inserts into parts of the concrete.

A successful funding application was made to the Ministry for Environment's Sustainable Management Fund to provide additional funding for:

- Research into permeable pavers as a more sustainable alternative to impervious surfaces for the cycle/walkways;
- Educational signage that promotes the sustainability, environmental and health benefits of the cycle/walkways;
- A community festival to launch the cycle/walkways that focuses on educating the community on the benefits of sustainable technologies used in the cycle/walkways coupled with its wider benefits in terms of sustainable transport, health and the broader Project Twin Streams vision.

The launch of the cycle/walkways and community festival is planned for Saturday 21 April 2007 at Corban Estate.

Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place, Millbrook Rd area (2003), in Henderson Valley (2004) and Glen Eden (2005.) To date settlement has been reached on 68 out of 90 properties, six are awaiting settlement and 14 are under negotiation.

Relationship with Manawhenua & Iwi

There is strong support for Project Twin Streams from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua. Cultural heritage reports with recommendations for progressing manawhenua interests within Project Twin Streams have been received from both iwi and are being implemented.

All the local community contract organisations are working closely with local Maori in their locality. In July 2006 Te Piataata Trust organised a community whānau planting at Epping Reserve to celebrate matariki. They continue to operate a weekly site preparation and planting programme for youth excluded from the school system on the Swanson Stream. Rangatahi from Waipareira Alternative Education Unit are also involved in regular restoration activities.

There has recently been interest in establishing a Pa Harekeke (traditional flax planting for weaving) as part of Project Twin Streams. This is being progressed in consultation with the Maori Issues Manager. It will include consultation with manawhenua, local weavers and the Weaving School at UNITEC.

An Innovative Approach to Integrated Catchment Management Planning for Project Twin Streams

Work is underway to prepare an integrated catchment management plan with the Auckland Regional Council and Landcare to develop a quadruple bottom line plan for the Project Twin Streams catchment. The Auckland Regional Council has agreed in principle to this proposal and its innovative potential to build on the community engagement strategies of Project Twin Streams to engage communities to take ownership of the water issues in their own catchment. The greatest impact on managing stormwater is through individual and collective behaviour change.

Achieving Project Twin Stream Goals through Collaborative Partnerships

Project Twin Streams is one of two demonstration sites for Sustainable Communities, one of the work strands of Sustainable Auckland, which is a government demonstration project. This brings additional resources of \$65,000 - \$85,000 a year for three years through direct funding, of which 2006/2007 is the final year.

A key focus for Sustainable Communities this year will be developing strategic partnerships with external organisations such as Department of Internal Affairs, Auckland Regional Council, and Ministry for Environment to ensure on-going development, funding and other resources which ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

Progressing Project Twin Streams Economic Goals

In February 2006 Sustainable Communities commissioned Enterprise Waitakere to identify potential opportunities and an implementation plan for economic development in the Project Twin Streams catchments. In July 2006 a workshop was held with key stakeholders – community, central government, Council, and others to present the outcomes of the research and to workshop priorities and next steps. Councillors Hulse and Cooper attended. This workshop generated a lot of positive energy for Project Twin Streams as a catalyst for economic development. Action plan ideas focussed on the following:

- Community economic development initiatives such as providing employment pathways for youth at risk through skills training and unit standards that recognise the skills being developed by youth engaged in regular restoration activities; business ideas such as bamboo to charcoal and weeds to paper and activities that support ecotourism;
- Green technologies;
- Māori economic development.

Enterprise Waitakere has established a new position of Economic Development Facilitator to progress the Project Twin Streams Economic Development Action Plan and to further work on social enterprise development. This position is jointly funded by Sustainable Communities, Council and Enterprise Waitakere.

A steering group led by Enterprise Waitakere and comprising Council, Beacon Pathways, EcoMatters Trust, Landcare, UNITEC and Sustainable Business Network has recently been established to progress the Green Technologies recommendations in the Project Twin Streams catchment.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Quadruple Bottom Line Approach

The Project Twin Streams Integrated Evaluation Framework has now been completed. It captures the effectiveness of a quadruple bottom line approach to an environmental project. Evaluation will include the effectiveness and learnings of using a community development model, and a range of environmental, economic, cultural and social outcomes. The Evaluation Framework is aligned to Council's monitoring and evaluation processes. The framework is very innovative and will be of broader interest and have wider application beyond the Project as very little work has been done on how to evaluate sustainable quadruple bottom line projects.

ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

The Swanson community continues to be actively involved with Project Twin Streams through the organisation of two successful community events that have resulted in over 3,000 plants being planted. One of the challenges for Swanson is that there are now few public areas for community planting events. The Golf Club also borders the majority of the stream. Although there is extensive weed control and planting that needs to occur and access will need to be negotiated with the Golf Club and restoration activities will be better suited to smaller groups. Planning is underway for next year with the Swanson Group driving Project Twin Streams in Swanson.

At the March 2006 meeting of the Waitakere Community Board, two bridge options were presented to the Board regarding the provision of a link for the Oratia walk and cycleway to the communities to the west of the Oratia Stream via Hulme Place or Newham Place. The bridge via Newham Place was identified as the preferred option. Plans for this bridge are now almost finalised.

Tenders for the Lower Oratia and Lower Waikumete sections of the cycle and walkway will be called for by the end of October. The expected completion date for this section will be the end of January and the expected completion date of the Newham Place bridge by the end of February 2007.

RESOURCES

The resources available are as follows:

- Funding of \$38.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland (subsequently replaced by Auckland Regional Holdings) for stormwater management, repair and restoration of 56 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 a total of \$10 million that has been claimed;
- 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 \$80,000 from Sustainable Communities for three years has been secured to progress agreed social, cultural and economic goals of the programme;
- Funding of \$250,000 from Ministry for Environment Sustainable Management Fund for education on sustainable technologies and for a community festival and launch of the walk and cycleway project;
- Funding of \$12 million from Financial Contributions.

In the long term additional funding will be required to sustain the project beyond 2010.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams is demonstrating a community development model for catchment restoration and an integrated catchment management plan. As more and more local people become engaged and enthused with the project the potential grows. The project fully reflects the purpose of local government to promote environmental, economic, cultural and social wellbeing. To date Project Twin Streams has been reliant on additional resources from Sustainable Communities to progress the social, cultural and economic outcomes. This is the final year of Sustainable Communities support. Unless Project Twin Streams receives additional resources and support from within Council and from external stakeholders there is a risk to the project to build on and realise potential outcomes across the quadruple bottom line.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Jenny Chilcott, Programme Leader – Social, Project Twin Streams.



15 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd Diane Goodley
Waitakere Citizen Advice Bureau	Diane Goodley
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Sharon Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Robin Taylor Diane Goodley
McLaren Park Community Project Steering Group	Diane Goodley
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Robin Taylor
The Weedfree Waitakere Trust	Diane Goodley
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Monique Davis
Council/Police Liaison Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Monique Davis Diane Goodley
Hearings Committee	Robin Taylor Kubi Witten-Hannah
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Sharon Davies
Street Events Subcommittee	Monique Davis

