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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 4 December 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 4 December 2007, 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 GOVERNANCE: A WAITAKERE VIEW'

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Hulse, delivered the above presentation to the Royal Commission when they visited Council on Wednesday, 23 January 2008. This meeting was attended by the Mayor, all Councillors, the Community Board Chairmen and the Chairman of Te Taumata Runanga and the Waitakere Ethnic Board. The Deputy Mayor will make that same presentation to the Community Board.



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

I was away for three weeks which gave me a chance to see how other people do things. There have been several meetings already this year. Community Board Chairmen have met with Deputy Mayor Cr Hulse to discuss ways to build the effectiveness and profile of Community Boards. While the Board is doing well at building its profile, (an example might be the relationship that has developed with the Ward's fourteen residents and ratepayer's groups), there is always room for improvement and this is an issue all Members need to think about. The Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association will have had it's AGM by now and I will give a verbal update on any issues of importance.

A recent meeting with the Parau and Huia Residents' and Ratepayers' groups was a good example of the value of constructive dialogue. I attended this meeting with Board Members Christine Shepherd and Linda Davies and the outcome was an excellent result for everyone. The essential work on the footpath at Huia will be done quite soon and a decision was reached regarding Bunkers Hill which should stretch the money as far as possible there.

The consultation process has begun around the issue of grazing on the Armour Bay Reserve. The public notice advertising grazing on the reserve was not particularly clear and people have expressed concerns suggesting that this is not an open process. An assurance has been given on behalf of the Board that the consultation process is open and fair and also that this Board will take a great deal of interest in the outcome.

Hopefully the consultation on changing speed limits will commence very soon. Council staff have done a great job examining this issue and the community will be eager to comment on the proposals. Action is also awaited on the signage review and hopefully this will not be far away.

It was really great that the Council has fully involved the Community Board Chairmen in an initial meeting with the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance. It will be important that all Members think about the issues carefully and make submissions both individually and as a Board. Cr Hulse gave an outstanding presentation which she has agreed to share with the Board this evening. The Waitakere approach was a reasonable one which showed this Council is open to change but does not want to lose the strengths of the City that have been developed over the past 18 years.

There have been some staff changes. At the end of last year Koroseta To'o was farewelled. Koroseta joined Waitakere City as the Council's first Pacific Islands Policy Analyst in 2000. Koroseta worked with the Waitakere Pacific Islands Advisory Board and will be sorely missed. Ross McLeod will also be a great loss as Director of Corporate and Civic Services. By now Ross will have left to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer at Hastings District Council and I have wished him well on behalf of the Board.

Following on from the successful market at the Oratia Hall, there is now also a produce market on Saturday mornings hosted by Artisan Wines. Rex Sunde is to be congratulated on this initiative which is a great initiative and a real asset for the Ward.

Oratia School has farewelled its long serving Principal, Cal Greer and Cal is thanked for his work both for the school and for the community. The Board looks forward to working with new principal, Ms Swanepoel, and wish her well for her time at Oratia School.

Like the rest of New Zealand we mourn the loss of Sir Edmund Hillary. He had a long connection with Waitakere City and in particular, the Waitakere Ward as a property owner at Karekare and Anawhata. He was also a great supporter of causes promoting conservation and for the benefit of young people. He lent his support and mana to the development of the West Coast Plan and we were honoured that he officially launched the finished plan. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family.

The Board appreciates the work of the volunteers of the emergency services, particularly the four surf lifesaving clubs in the Ward, for the work they have done over this summer. The police are to be thanked too for their efforts to find Titirangi resident Belinda Wilson and the Board extends its sympathy to her family for their sad loss.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairman's Report be received.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP

CHAIRMAN



7 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Waitakere Citizens' Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Shirley Savage
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Christine Shepherd Evan Taylor (alternate)
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	TBC
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor



8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

A1-A2

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	Naming of Xena Lake and Reserve Resolution No. 3407/2007	At its meeting on Tuesday, 4 September 2007, the Waitakere Community Board confirmed the name of the lake and reserve at 45 Lake Panorama Drive, Western Heights as 'Xena Lake and Reserve'. However, at that time, Community Boards did not have delegation to name or rename local parks and reserves, rather the City Development Committee made formal recommendations to Council for the approval of names. However, recent changes to Community Board delegations now enable community boards to name and rename local parks and reserves. As a result of recent changes to Ward boundaries, Xena Lake is now part of the Henderson Ward. At the meeting of the Henderson Community Board on 8 November 2007, the Board received a petition from residents requesting that the lake be renamed Lake Panorama. A report on this issue is included in the agenda for the meeting of the Henderson Community Board on 7 February 2008. A copy of this report is attached at pages A1 to A2, for your information.	Sarah Natac ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8561

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
2.	Appointment of Member to Ad Hoc	<p>Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group</p> <p>The aim of the Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group is to enable the community to network with key road safety agencies and partners within the Waitakere area.</p> <p>The Waitakere Community Board is requested to appoint a Member to the Group. Kubi Witten-Hannah was appointed to the Group for the 2004-2007 term.</p>	<p>Emma Joyce ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8950</p>
3.	Appointment of Member to Council Committee	<p>Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee</p> <p>One Member is required to be appointed to the Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee in accordance with the Management Plan. Crs Hulse and Mitchell are the two Council representatives on the Committee.</p> <p>Sharon Davies represented the Community Board on the Committee for the 2004-2007 term.</p>	<p>Emma Joyce ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8950</p>
4.	<p>Waitakere Community Board Minor Parks Projects Resolution Nos. 3413/2007 4 September 2007 3739/2007 8 November 2007</p>	<p>At it's meeting on Tuesday, 4 September 2007, the Board resolved:</p> <p><i>“That the Waitakere Community Board recommends to the City Development Committee that consideration be given, for Community Board Minor Park Projects, to raising the maximum amount to be spent on any one project from \$10,000 to \$20,000”.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3413/2007</p> <p>The Policy and Strategy Committee resolved the following in respect of the Board's resolution at it's meeting on 8 November 2007:</p> <p><i>“That consideration be given during the Annual Plan process to increase the maximum amount to be spent on any one project from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for Community Board Minor Parks Projects”.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3739/2007</p>	<p>Katharine Slack ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8779</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
5.	<p>Huia Road, Woodlands Park Road Safety Improvements</p> <p>Resolution Nos. 3847/2007 3848/2007 4 December 2007</p>	<p>A meeting was held between Council officers and concerned residents on Tuesday, 11 December 2007 to discuss the issue of driver and pedestrian safety on Huia Road. Residents were presented with various options for the improvement of the Huia and Woodlands Park Roads intersection. There was also an opportunity to discuss in detail other safety issues along Huia Road. In January and February 2008, Transport Assets will be both developing options for the intersection of Huia and Woodlands Park Roads and investigating remedial measures for loss-of control crashes on Huia Road between Titirangi and Woodlands Park Roads. Any such measure would include appropriate measures for the protection of pedestrians. Bend rehabilitation work is also scheduled for the vicinity of numbers 38 and 261 Huia Road for the next financial year.</p> <p>It is expected that Huia Road residents who attended the meeting in December 2007 will be contacted in March 2008 to update them on progress.</p> <p>The sum of \$200,000 has been requested to be included in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan for bend treatments, in particular Huia Road but also for similar areas around Waitakere.</p>	<p>Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736</p>
6.	<p>Claude Abel Pond Reserve, Piha</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>All consents required to undertake the lily removal works have been obtained.</p> <p>The physical works have been tendered and a contract has been awarded with works scheduled to commence in mid-February 2008.</p>	<p>Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
7.	Safety Issues, 290-292 Glengarry Road Resolution No. 3142/2007 3 July 2007	<p>Council officers have spoken to the resident of number 292 Glengarry Road, Glen Eden and acknowledges there is an issue with regard to visibility at the driveways for property numbers 290 and 292 Glengarry Road. Council is currently evaluating the feasibility of cutting the existing bank between these two driveways, although at this stage it appears the problem will not be significantly improved by this measure.</p> <p>Other improvements to these driveways will be considered, including possible widening or chip sealing. In addition, the Solar Road / Glengarry Road intersection is being considered for raised platform treatment next financial year (in order to address the safety of pedestrians crossing Glengarry Road). It is expected this would benefit number 292 as it would reduce westbound speeds on Glengarry Road.</p> <p>The Police were notified of the issue in August 2007.</p>	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736
8.	Waitakere River Realignment Officer's Report	Alternative designs are currently being considered and a full report will be presented to the Waitakere Community Board early in 2008. The removal of sand will continue in order to prevent further erosion, until a permanent measure is in place.	Talitha Gibbons ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303
9.	Waitakere Township Public Toilet Officer's Report	Tenders for the construction of the toilets closed 22 January 2008. Physical works are planned to be carried out from March 2008, subject to receiving a suitable tender.	Talitha Gibbons ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303
10.	Karekare Toilets and Wastewater System Upgrade Officer's Report	All required consents have now been obtained. No tenders were received when the contract for the upgrade was first advertised in December. As such, the project was tendered a second time and tenders closed 22 January 2008. Physical works are scheduled for March 2008, subject to receiving a suitable tender.	Andreas Lilley ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8553

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
11.	Swanson Station Public Toilets Officer's Report	Resource consent for the toilets at the Swanson Train Station was granted in January 2008 although the building consent is yet to be processed. Tenders for the construction of the new toilets closed on 17 January 2008. Physical works are planned for February 2008, subject to receiving a suitable tender.	Talitha Gibbons ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8303
12.	Huia Domain Upgrade Resolution No. 134/2007 13 February 2007	As part of Council's ongoing playground renewal programme, the playground at the Huia Domain will be upgraded in 2008. A mail drop of the proposed playground design was undertaken in October 2007. Council officers attended the December 2007 meeting of the Huia Residents and Ratepayers' Association to discuss the playground upgrade and other minor park improvements in the area. The minor park improvements works commenced in late December 2007 and are expected to be completed in early February 2008.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
13.	Piha Domain Footbridge Officer's Report	The "Story of the Eel" bridge design was approved by the City Development Committee in July 2007. Resource and building consents are currently being processed. Tenders for the bridge construction closed on 29 January 2008 and physical works are scheduled to commence in mid-February 2008, subject to receiving a suitable tender.	Katharine Slack ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8779
14.	Kitewaho Reserve/ Weed Control and Planting Officer's Report	During January and February 2008, weed control will be carried out on just over 2,000 square metres of the bush area adjacent to the new track at Kitewaho Reserve. Native plants will be planted on the reserve in Autumn.	Helen Biffin ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8758

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
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
Trial of Water-filled Barriers at Paremuka Reserve	5 December 2006 Resolution No. 2319/2006	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement	Sue Liddell ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8736

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee Secretary's report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board appoint one Member to the Waitakere Road Safety Steering Group.
3. That the Waitakere Community Board appoint one Member to the Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee.

Report prepared by: Emma Joyce, Committee Secretary.



9 SEAVIEW ROAD, PIHA - NEW SPEED HUMPS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise the Waitakere Community Board on the installation of two new speed humps on Seaview Road, Piha.

BACKGROUND

The Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association requested that the Council improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Piha shops on Seaview Road. Pedestrians often cross the road between the shops and the camp ground, and there are concerns regarding traffic speeds.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The 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.

The implementation of speed humps will help address speed related safety problems and provide a more pedestrian friendly environment

ISSUES

A search of the Land Transport New Zealand database shows that in the past ten years there has been one reported accident in the vicinity of the shops. This was a minor injury accident involving a turning vehicle. The database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents and it is possible that unreported accidents have occurred.

A Council officer visited the site and agreed that the installation of two new speed humps will reduce traffic speeds without affecting roadside parking. The location of the speed humps has been consulted with the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association and the adjacent residents, and no objections have been received.

A3 The location of the two new speed humps is shown on attached page A3.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as required by 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 works will cost approximately \$15,000 and can be funded from the 2007/2008 Annual Plan minor safety budget.

CONCLUSION

The two new speed humps will slow down traffic and improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Piha shops.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Seaview Road, Piha - New Speed Humps report be received.

Report prepared by: Kong Jin Png, Senior Transport Engineer.



10 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

GLOSSARY

Auckland Regional Council (ARC)

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 January 2008.

BACKGROUND

New approaches to dealing with waste and water are fundamental to Waitakere becoming an Eco City. In line with this, in 1997 Waitakere City Council commissioned studies to explore the effects of stormwater on the Oratia and Opanuku Streams. These stormwater studies led to the creation of Project Twin Streams, with successful funding applications to Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for \$38.2 million over a ten year period from 2003-2012. The project broadly aims to avoid, remedy and mitigate adverse stormwater effects in ways that also achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes. A further \$5.2 million was received to build 14 km of new cycle and walkways alongside three of the streams in the Project Twin Streams catchment.

Project Twin Streams is an 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 103,000 people and covers 10,000 hectares.

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

The point of difference of Project Twin Streams from other environmental projects is that it takes a sustainable community development approach. The assumptions underpinning this approach are:

- People are more likely to make changes in behaviour when they understand the problem and are part of identifying the solutions;
- Local communities know the most appropriate and effective methods to engage local people;
- Each community has its own diverse characteristics. Programmes need to be adapted to harness the diverse strengths of communities. A one-sized solution is not effective;
- Creative learning methods that engage with people's hearts and minds are more effective than simply distributing written information in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change;
- Local organisations can be more effective than Council in engaging their own communities in the sustainability journey but need to be adequately resourced and supported to do so;
- A partnership approach between communities; local, regional and central government, non-government organisations and local people will be a very effective way of achieving long-term change towards sustainability.

From 2004-2007 Project Twin Streams was a demonstration project for Sustainable Communities - a workstrand of Sustainable Auckland and part of government's Sustainable Development Programme of Action. Sustainable Communities has had a significant role in supporting and resourcing the quadruple bottom line aspects of Project Twin Streams. By June 2007 it had invested in excess of \$280,000, and aligned expertise and resources from the Auckland Regional Council (ARC) and Department of Internal Affairs to ensure consideration is given to the social, economic and cultural potential in the project. The environmental outcomes of the project are funded by Auckland Regional Holdings.

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 Protection, Whaiora (Participation in society). The Community Outcome priorities strongly identify Project Twin Streams as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of community outcome priorities.

In particular Project Twin Streams supports the Council strategic platforms of:

- **Strong Communities** - people are active, healthy and content;
- **Active Democracy** - people feel they can make a difference. There are high levels of community participation and respect for each others' views;
- **Green Network** - caring for natural areas. Protection and enhancement is on both public and private land; community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems;
- **Three Waters** - stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.

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

OUTCOMES

Planting & Maintenance Programme

The Project Twin Streams – Swanson, Waimoko, Momutu, Opanuku, Oratia, Waikumete and Bishop Streams and Henderson Creek are showing evidence of extensive planting of eco sourced native plants forming a riparian margin of around 15 metres. There are now significant sections of the stream banks that form continuous new planting.

Highlights from 2007:

- A total of 113,364 plants have been planted of which 62 percent (68,545) have been planted by local communities. In total over 300,000 plants have been planted since the project began. Commercial contractors are brought in to plant the areas that are too dangerous for volunteers to do;
- Approximately 33 percent of the Project Twin Streams Area has been cleared of environmentally damaging weeds;
- 5,944 volunteers have been involved in planting, site preparation, weeding and maintenance activities. Since 2003 a total of 13,171 volunteers have participated in Project Twin Streams;

- Nine successful community planting days have occurred in Ranui, Opanuku, Oratia, Glen Eden and Henderson with events being well-attended by local residents;
- There are 29 groups now 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 whanau groups;
- Eleven 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 Contracts & 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. This is being achieved through contracts with community-based organisations to deliver Project Twin Streams in their communities. This means that local organisations with local knowledge are the driving force of the project.

With five fully operative community contract organisations now on board increased community engagement is being facilitated across the six communities within the Project Twin Streams catchment. This is reflected in the statistics which show a significant rise in stream restoration activities being undertaken by communities. Community organisations are reporting that as a result of Project Twin Streams more and more people are becoming aware of the streams, using the streams and their surrounds for recreational purpose and becoming guardians of their area. However along with this increased awareness is also an awareness that just undertaking stream side planting is only going part of the way to restore streams to a healthy state and more sustainable communities. A number of the community contract organisations have advocated for implementing programmes in their neighbourhoods that go beyond stream restoration. They have also been involved in visioning what is required for a sustainable catchment.

In November 2007 a 12 minute DVD on the community voices from Project Twin Streams was released. This DVD was funded and produced by Sustainable Communities. It captures the magic of Project Twin Streams in ways that are often difficult to articulate, including the great satisfaction that comes from making a difference.

The following is a brief update of some of the achievements from each of the contract areas.

- **Ranui-Massey** - This project is being delivered by **Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi** in association with the Ranui Action Project and covers the Swanson, Waimoko and Momutu Streams from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek. This is the longest running Project Twin Streams community contract and has now achieved 100 percent adoption of public areas along the stream banks by ten local groups including three schools – this includes taking responsibility for site preparation, planting and maintenance. A focus for Te Ukaipo has been successfully engaging a number of youth at risk groups in stream restoration activities. Their successful community engagement has stimulated interest from private property owners in the area who want to be involved in the revitalisation of their streamside areas;
- **Henderson - Community Waitakere** (formerly West Auckland District Council of Social Services) are actively engaging residents and groups in the Henderson area to restore Henderson Creek. Great progress was made last year in engaging with Pak'nSave to not only participate in planting the stream bank near their store, but also to develop a plan for managing the rubbish that is continually a problem in this area. Community Waitakere now have twelve community groups working regularly on the stream, as well as four schools;

- **Henderson Valley - Corban Estate Arts Centre** is delivering this contract in association with Waitakere Pacific Arts & Cultural Trust to restore the Lower Opanuku Stream as far as Border Road. An impressive amount of work has been undertaken by local groups, schools, Community Corrections along with artists and workers from the Corban Estate Art Centre to restore the streamside areas of the Corban Estate. The stream in this area is now a great showcase for what communities can achieve. As well as engaging twelve groups to adopt areas on the Opanuku streamside, 2007 has seen the development of the Friends of Opanuku group. This is a group of local residents, passionate about their stream, who meet regularly for plantings, workshops and to support the coordinator and the project in various ways;
- A very successful, although small in numbers, planting day was organised for Council staff on the Opanuku stream. It is hoped there will be on-going involvement in the adoption by Council of the section of the stream adjacent to the Opanuku Reserve opposite Waitakere Central;
- **Glen Eden** - covering Waikumete and Bishop Streams. This community contract is being delivered by **EcoMatters Environment Trust** in partnership with Glen Eden Primary School. In the first year of this contract the focus has been on involving the schools in this area, several of whom have now formally adopted sites and others have participated in other ways. Nine community groups and local businesses are actively engaged in the stream restoration work including a whanau group of parents, pre-schoolers and home-schoolers, and the Glen Eden Picnic Site Group. A local community reference group has been formed to support and advise the coordinator and to participate in planning the implementation of the project in Glen Eden. Glen Eden has also now developed their own logo with the vision "Our streams, our dreams";
- **McLaren Park** - is being delivered by **McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative** and covers the lower Oratia stream. Their coordinator known locally as Green Jon has really made his mark in the last year with two highly successful planting days attracting between one and two hundred people each time. The local community has planted almost 9,000 plants in the first year of their contract. A community edible garden is being established beside the stream off Millbrook Road as a novel way of engaging the local community while educating about healthy eating, composting, worm farming, and general organic gardening methods. This is one of the many innovative ways that Project Twin Streams community coordinators use to get people down to the streams, enjoying the environment and the company of their neighbours;
- **Swanson** - In Swanson a local resident is contracted to engage Swanson residents in the restoration of Swanson Stream. All the public areas have now been planted and the challenge is now to restore the stream banks running alongside the Redwood Park Golf Club. A good relationship has been established over 2007 with the Golf Club and Swanson School continues to participate in a regular planting and maintenance programme.

This community development model is proving extremely successful in facilitating diverse and significant community engagement in Project Twin Streams. Project Twin Streams has reached a 'tipping point' where local communities are now actively committed and engaged in stream restoration activities and claiming the streams as the heart of their neighbourhoods.

Creative Processes

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

Creative Highlights from 2007:

- Pupils at Henderson South School completed a beautiful mural depicting the children taking care of the Opanuku Stream;
- A fabulous ten metre long eel sculpture was unveiled in the Pasifika area at Corban Estate. The concrete sculpture has been covered in over 300 Maori and Pacific tiles which were designed and made by local groups – Liston College, Henderson High School, Mother of Divine Mercy Community Group, Beautiful Daughters (an alternative education school group for teenage girls) and the Pacific Mamas;
- Six tiled posts, made by pupils from Henderson High School have been placed alongside the Opanuku Stream to mark the school's adopted area of the stream; Each student painted their own tile to identify the area and to mark their relationship to the stream;
- In Glen Eden a Project Twin Streams Celebration Arts Performance 'Our Streams Our Dreams' with over 120 young performers from Kaurilands, Glen Eden, Konini Primary Schools and Kelston Girls College was a great success;
- Flanshaw Road Primary School put on a magical and inspiring musical production on what it means to be guardians for Henderson Creek. Every child in the school took part in the production.

Walk and Cycleways

One of the key projects for 2007 was significant progress on the construction of the Project Twin Streams walk/cycleways. When completed, the six pathways, totalling fourteen kilometres will connect people with each other and their natural environment and include art tiles depicting local flora, fauna, cultural and iwi stories together with educational signs and a demonstration area for permeable paving.

Finding creative opportunities to connect people to their natural environment and the streams is key to Project Twin Streams. Including art in the walk/cycleways also is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Waitakere and provide a sense of community ownership and an incentive for people to use them. Many of the art initiatives involve collaborations with key stakeholders in Project Twin Streams including Te Kawarau a Maki, Ngāti Whatua and the local schools and communities.

In 2004 an application was approved by Auckland Regional Holdings for \$5.2 million to construct walk and cycleways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. An additional subsidy of \$3.1 million from Land Transport New Zealand has also been approved.

Update on Construction

- The Oratia segment from Parrs Cross Road to Millbrook Road complete and practical completion has been issued;
- The Lower Opanuku segment extending from Alderman Drive over the Great North Road intersection and through Corban Estate up to Border Road is completed;
- The Lower Waikumete segment from Seymour Road, through a purpose-built wetland to intersect with the Oratia section is complete apart from signage. Wetland completion has been delayed due to wet weather and is expected at the end of January 2008;
- The design for the Upper Opanuku segment from Border Road onto Henderson Valley Road is nearing completion. Construction is planned for October 2008;

- The design for the Upper Waikumete segment from Ceramco Park to Savoy Road is complete and is awaiting resource and building consent approvals before tendering for construction in January 2008;
- Construction has begun on the three bridges over the Oratia stream and completion is expected by the end of May 2008;
- Applications for funding for lighting the walk/cycleways has been made to Land Transport New Zealand and the Energy Commission. If the applications are successful, the design for lighting will be completed by the end of June 2008 and construction planned for October 2008.

Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place, Millbrook Road area (2003), in Henderson Valley (2004) and Glen Eden (2005) for stormwater management and riparian margin development. To date settlement has been reached on 77 out of 90 properties with the remainder under negotiation.

Part purchases and easements are also progressing well for the Cycle and Walkways and resolutions are expected on all properties.

This property purchase process has been highly successful. This has meant that it has not been necessary for Council to resort to using the Public Works Act to acquire properties and be engaged in negative publicity.

Working with Private Properties

To date the majority of stream restoration work has taken place on public land. Planning is now underway to begin working with private property owners whose properties border streams in the Project Twin Streams area for riparian planting to provide continuous planting along the stream banks. In order to secure access for maintenance down all the streams, this process will involve, where possible, Council securing long-term access to the plantings through either part purchase of a small strip of land on individual properties or through covenants. The process being designed builds on the success of the property buy-out process.

Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi

There continues to be strong support from both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua for Project Twin Streams:

- Both iwi have been involved in designing art works for the walk/cycleways representing their connection to the land;
- Discussions are underway with Ngati Whatua who is interested in demonstrating their restoration practices on one of the Project Twin Streams tributaries;
- A Pa Harakeke (native flax garden) site along the Opanuku Stream is currently being designed. The initial funding for this project was from Sustainable Communities and is being lead by Project Twin Streams Opanuku in consultation with Te Kawarau a Maki, UNITEC, Manaaki Whenua and local weavers;
- A manawhenua workshop was organised by the Project Twin Streams Community Contract Organisations for their local communities. This workshop was an outstanding success and was attended by over 50 people. Te Warena Taua gave a superb presentation on the history of Manawhenua in the Waitakere. Riki Bennett, a ranger with the ARC, led a walk around the cascades talking about Maori traditional uses of the forest. This was followed by a shared barbecue and picnic lunch in the park area. Feedback from the workshop has been extremely positive and it is hoped that it will become an Project Twin Streams annual event.

Both Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua have expressed their interest in being part of the discussions and planning on the future governance of Project Twin Streams.

Progressing Project Twin Streams Economic Goals

There are a number of exciting opportunities arising from Project Twin Streams for local community economic development and skills training. One of the challenges in progressing community economic development opportunities is that, to date, this aspect of work has not been incorporated into national, regional and local strategic frameworks and therefore there is limited resources and skills to support this. Project Twin Streams will continue working towards maximising these opportunities.

Te Ūkaipō Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi (the contract holder for Project Twin Streams Ranui-Massey) are working with Unitec to develop appropriate unit standards so that youth at risk groups working regularly on stream restoration have the opportunity to develop skill recognition for their work.

A Sustainable Products and Services Steering Group led by Sustainable Business Network and comprising Council, Beacon Pathways and EcoMatters Trust, was established in 2006 with the goal of making sustainable goods and services mainstream for households and businesses in the Project Twin Streams Catchment. A database has been compiled of local suppliers of sustainable goods and services and an action plan produced providing recommendations for future actions. This work will be developed through alignment of work programmes of council's economic development programme and those of other external partners such as Beacon and Sustainable Business Network.

Visit to Project Twin Streams by the Minister for Climate Change

Minister for Climate Change, the Honourable David Parker, visited Project Twin Streams in November. The visit started with a powhiri at Birdwood Road School followed by a streambank walk through the schools adopted area and also met with rangatahi (youth) from Te Piataata Trust. He then visited a local resident's house to witness the fitting of a local flow showerhead and cylinder rap by EcoMatters Trust as part of their energy and water retrofitting programme. The visit ended with the launch of the Project Twin Streams Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Programme (see below) at Ranui Action Project House. The Minister was impressed with the integrated approach of Project Twin Streams and stated the importance of healthy streams and waterways as being central to healthy and strong communities.

New Directions For Project Twin Streams

Governance and Strategic Management of Project Twin Streams

From 2012 the funding for the stream restoration from the Auckland Regional Holdings grant will have finished. The Project Twin Streams Community Organisations and others are committed to seeing the work of Project Twin Streams continue to grow and develop over the long term. It has always been an objective of the project to develop a governance structure and funding mechanisms to ensure this can happen. Work has begun on identifying a governance structure to take the project beyond 2012. Two core key steps to progressing this have been:

1. Developing a partnership with the ARC for collaborative governance of Project Twin Streams.
2. Establishing a Cross-Council Steering Group for the internal Council strategic management of Project Twin Streams.

Over 2008 there will be consultation with manawhenua, community and other key stakeholders to progress this.

Partnership with the ARC for Governance of Project Twin Streams

In November a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between ARC and Council for the Project Twin Streams Sustainable Catchment. This partnership builds on the Sustainable Communities relationship established three years ago. The purpose of the Memorandum is to:

- Develop a shared understanding of what a sustainable catchment is and identify opportunities to enable this to be pursued;
- Develop a long term strategic plan, business plan and governance structure for Project Twin Streams including responsibilities of all parties;
- To explore and align existing resource for Project Twin Streams.

This partnership aims to support the sustainable development and management of the Project Twin Streams catchment using a collaborative governance model.

Council Strategic Management of Project Twin Streams

A Cross-Council Steering Group has also been established to provide strategic management and internal alignment of Project Twin Streams with work programmes from other areas of the council. Work is underway to identify key priorities for incorporation in the next Long Term Council Community Plan.

Project Twin Streams Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Programme

Changing people's behaviour to live more sustainably over the long-term has always been an overarching goal of Project Twin Streams. A key focus of Council is ensuring households adopt more sustainable living practices. The purpose of the Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Project will be to trial the Project Twin Streams community development model to assist Council in meeting its key sustainability objectives through working with households to identify and implement actions to live more sustainably. In particular it will aim towards significant reduction of water and energy usage, waste production and encourage people to use their cars less. If it is successful, learnings from the model could be expanded across the Project Twin Streams catchment and other areas of Waitakere.

The vision for the Sustainable Living Sustainable Household Demonstration Programme is "Sustainable households driven by local communities who influence others to create a sustainable catchment".

The project is being delivered in three Project Twin Streams communities - Glen Eden, Ranui and Swanson via the currently contracted Project Twin Streams community organisations and working in partnership with EcoMatters Environment Trust. In total 200 households will take part in the project from January – June 2008. Participating households will receive a free water and energy check and a water audit. Forty five eligible houses will also receive an energy retrofit.

It is envisaged that by working with local communities to develop the programme from the grassroots, creative ideas will evolve that will support households and neighbourhoods to leave a lighter footprint on the earth in ways that strengthen communities and bring better health benefits for families.

The demonstration project also has the support of the ARC and will build links with other key stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive programme is developed.

RESOURCES

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams now has systems and processes in place to ensure the project is well placed to successfully achieve its contractual obligations with Auckland Regional Holdings by 2012. The ways of delivering this project through a community development model using creative processes to engage local communities is proving overwhelmingly successful. This has created a strong base to extend the project to working with individual households through the Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Demonstration Project.

The project has also acted as a catalyst for engaging communities in wider issues of how to create a sustainable catchment through learning how to live more sustainably and integrated catchment management planning. With the partnership with the ARC being confirmed through a Memorandum of Understanding and a Strategic Cross Council Steering Group in place, Project Twin Streams has a wider support base to fulfil its potential.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Jenny Chilcott, Strategic Advisor – Sustainable Catchments.



11 NEW LEASE REQUEST BY NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION ON BEHALF OF HUIA FIRE STATION

GLOSSARY

Huia Fire Station	(HFS)
New Zealand Fire Service Commission	(NZFSC)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

A4 The purpose of this report is for the Waitakere Community Board to consider granting a lease to the New Zealand Fire Service Commission (NZFSC) on behalf of Huia Fire Station located on part of the land known as Karamatura Reserve in Huia (see attachment at page A4).

BACKGROUND

A5 Since May 1984, 'The Huia Voluntary Rural Fire Force' (as it was known at that time) has been lessee of part of the land (see attachment at page A5) on Karamatura Reserve. Historically the Karamatura Reserve was classified as a recreational reserve, however in May 1994; the land was vested as a local purpose (fire station) reserve for the sole purpose of operating a fire station and continues to operate in this capacity up to the present time.

'Huia Fire Station' (HFS) (as it is now known) operates under the NZFSC. HFS houses one fire appliance and one medical co-responder vehicle unit which works as part of a bush rescue group. HFS serves a large area of the lower Waitakere Ranges from Mill Bay to Whatipu north to just south of Piha Road/Lone Kauri Road, the local urban area and the residential area of Cornwallis.

HFS not only serves the local population but also the many visitors to the area who also place demands on the service.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

By granting a lease to the NZFSC on behalf of HFS it will enable the Council and the NZFSC to continue a successful, long-standing partnership which services both the local and wider community.

The HFS contributes to the Council's strategic platforms of; Strong Communities and Urban and Rural Villages by protecting the Green Network and providing a key functional community facility. The NZFSC's Statement of Strategic Direction, states that a key driver for the NZFSC Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 is the Government's goal of 'building safer communities' by 'working in partnership with communities'. The NZFSC works in partnership on emergencies and accidents with other agencies such as New Zealand Police, St Johns Ambulance, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, the Coast Guard, etc. They also provide fire safety education within the community which is integral to the 'Safe City' strategic priority.

ISSUES

The Lease Assessment Group has considered this application and agrees that there are no known issues and supports granting of the lease to the NZFSC on behalf of HFS.

RESOURCES

There are no budget implications for granting this lease other than staff time.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board approve granting the NZFSC, on behalf of HFS, a lease under the Community Leasing Policy using it's Standard Terms and Conditions for a five year term with a further five years right of renewal at \$150 + GST per annum.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Lease Request for New Zealand Fire Service Commission on behalf of Huia Fire Station report be received.
2. That the lease to the New Zealand Fire Service Commission on behalf of Huia Fire Station for a five year term with a right of renewal for a further five years be approved.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to negotiate and conclude a lease with the New Zealand Fire Service Commission on behalf of Huia Fire Station on part of land known as Karamatura Reserve, 1282-1284 Huia Road, Huia (Part of Lot 7, Deposited Plan 45463) under section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977 and the lease be executed as negotiated.

Report prepared by: Margaret Groot - Property Manager Tenancy.



12 **2007/2008 WAITAKERE WARD NEW FOOTPATH PRIORITY LIST**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to enable the Waitakere Community Board to approve priorities for new footpath construction within the Waitakere Ward for this financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Transport Strategy Programme within the 2006-2016 Long Term Council Community Plan provides funding for construction of new footpath projects.

A number of site meetings were held with representatives of the Waitakere Community Board and Residents and Ratepayers Association to establish priorities. Based on these priorities, Council officers carried out a feasibility study for new footpaths in the Waitakere Ward to finalise the allocation of the budget.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

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.

Footpath construction projects are annually carried out to provide a safe walking environment for pedestrians.

ISSUES

A meeting was held on 22 January 2008 with Council officers, some of the Community Board members and representatives of the Huia community. The outcome of the meeting was to agree on the extent of this year's work. The work programme for the Waitakere Ward based on the investigation carried out by Council officers is set out in the table below.

Year	Location	Length	Cost
2007/2008	Huia Road - Huia Dam Road to Farm Entrance (part only)	80m	\$200,000
	Huia Road - Between Victory Road and Dam (part only)	200m	\$100,000

Table 1 - Proposed Waitakere footpath construction programme

Kopiko Road is now in the Waitakere Ward as the ward boundaries changed after the Local Authority Elections and is under construction at the moment.

Decision Making

This proposal is presented with due consideration of relevant criteria, as required by 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

Funding of \$513,000 has been provided in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan for new footpath construction, with \$300,000 being allocated to the Waitakere Ward.

CONCLUSION

The consultative process with the Community Board and Residents and Ratepayers Association has determined a prioritised list of footpath construction projects for 2007/2008.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2007/2008 Waitakere Ward New Footpath Priority List be approved.

Report prepared by: Sreekanth Vidhyadharan, Transport Engineer.



13 WAITAKERE RIVER PROTECTION MEASURE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek a recommendation to the Infrastructure and Works Committee from the Waitakere Community Board for the control of erosion along the Waitakere River at Bethells Beach in order to protect the vehicle access way for users.

BACKGROUND

The Waitakere River is located in Te Henga Park which is a Citywide park and therefore jurisdiction for development on this park resides with the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

A6-A9 The Waitakere River is eroding in an area adjacent to the Bethells Beach Surf Club. A location map is attached at page A6. Photographs of the location are also attached at pages A7 to A9.

In recent years the Waitakere River has been gradually moving southwards and eroding the sand dunes in the vicinity of the four wheel drive access way at the rear of the Bethells Beach Surf Club, which provides access to the beach for emergency and surf club vehicles, and as a legal road access to the baches in O'Neills Bay.

Historically the Waitakere River has taken a wide range of flow paths and the issue of erosion along the river bank has been ongoing for many years. The erosion is due to the strong flows down Waitakere River mixing with tidal flows and at the convergent point erosion is eating into the access way.

In the past hard structures in the form of gabion baskets have been installed to try and stop erosion but these measures have only caused further issues, to a point that the river is now eroding before and after the gabion baskets.

Current measures for erosion control involve sand being mechanically moved two to three times a year in order to prevent further erosion and to maintain the beach access way for current users.

Discussions regarding the options have previously been held on site with members of the local community but no final communication has been undertaken at this time. Following the decision of the Infrastructure and Works Committee, the community will be updated on the outcome and course of action to be taken.

Investigations and options reports have been carried out by engineering specialists.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project contributes to Council's Strong Communities platform where the objective is to support the health and wellbeing of the City's residents as well as the Green Network platform where the objective is to care for the natural environment which covers the protection and enhancement of native plants, wildlife and the eco-system.

ISSUES

The access way needs to be maintained to allow safe beach access for the Bethells Beach Surf Club and to continue to allow a vital link between Bethells Beach Road and O'Neill's Beach for land owners to access their land.

Various options for dealing with the erosion issue on the Waitakere River have been investigated and are summarised below:

Options

Option	Pros	Cons	Price
Option One - Gabion Basket Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divert river away from access way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could become undermined in a large storm surge. Current gabion baskets are falling into stream bed causing new issues. Alters character of the Waitakere River. High capital cost. Not a guaranteed solution. Increased maintenance costs. 	<p>\$700,000 to \$1m</p> <p>\$15,000 per year</p>
Option Two - Rock Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divert river away from access way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High likelihood of the structure becoming undermined in a large storm surge. Alters character of the Waitakere River. High capital cost. Not a guaranteed solution. Maintenance costs increasing yearly. 	<p>\$500,000 to \$700,000</p> <p>\$15,000 per year</p>

Option	Pros	Cons	Price
Option Three - Sand Bagging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divert river away from access way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undermined in storm surge. Alters character of the Waitakere River. High capital cost. Not a guaranteed solution. Maintenance costs increasing yearly. 	<p>\$600,000 to \$800,000</p> <p>\$15,000 per year</p>
Option Four - Reinstate Coconut Husks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stabilizes river bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This option was tried in October 2006 and failed. As seen in Photo 3 Appendix B 	
Option Five - Redevelop access away from river	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for some movement of the river without affecting the access way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destruction of habitats for native flora and fauna . Removal of a large quantity of sand dune. Not a guaranteed solution. Ongoing Maintenance costs. 	<p>\$50,000 to \$150,000</p> <p>\$10,000 per year</p>
Option Six - Continue with the current level of maintenance (moving of sand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No increased costs. No disruption to access way Access way can be repaired easily. No further consents needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access may be washed out after a large storm surge. As seen in Photos 1,2,4 and 5 Appendix B 	<p>\$20,000 per year (based on three visits)</p>
Option Seven - Do Nothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservation of natural character of the river. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access no longer useable. Possibility of undermining Surf Club. 	<p>Nil</p>

Option Six is proposed as the preferred option for the following reasons:

- Aesthetic appearance;
- Higher rate of success;
- Reduced cost;
- No construction time on site;
- Least disruption to environment.

Decision Making

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

RESOURCES

Funding of \$280,000 has been provided in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan for the Waitakere River Protection Measure to Bethells Beach Surf Club and vehicle access. Part of this budget has been used to investigate options and also for the ongoing mechanical movement of sand to reinstate the access way. It is intended the budget remaining at the end of the 2007/2008 financial year will not be required.

However, additional finding of approximately \$20,000 is therefore required to be included in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan and 2006-2106 Long Term Council Community Plan in order to continue with the mechanical moving of sand to reinstate the access way approximately three times a year.

CONCLUSION

In order to meet community and legal needs a vehicle access way is required. The current level of maintenance is working well and the access way has remained open.

Previous attempts at controlling the erosion both hard and soft measures have failed. The cost involved in order to establish hard structures is significant and the cost benefits are not guaranteed. Experts are unable to guarantee this type of measure would last because of the unpredictable nature of the environment.

For these reasons it is proposed that Council continue with current erosion control measures of mechanically moving the sand to reinstate the access way when required (approximately three times a year depending of storm events).

Waitakere River is located in Te Henga Park which is a Citywide park and therefore jurisdiction for development on this park resides with the Infrastructure and Works Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Waitakere River Protection Measure report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board support Option Six, to continue with the current level of maintenance of the moving of sand three times a year at the Waitakere River, and recommend to the Infrastructure and Works Committee said option be approved.

Report prepared by: Katharine Slack, Team Leader Parks Assets Development.



14 PROPOSED EASEMENT AT 149A MARINE PARADE, PIHA

GLOSSARY

Piha Reserves Management Plan	(the Plan)
Reserves Act 1977	(the Act)
Easement for access	(easement)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present to the Waitakere Community Board a proposal that has been received by the residents/owners of 151 Marine Parade for an easement for access (easement) over an existing Recreation Reserve (identified to be managed as a Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve), at 149A Marine Parade in Piha, discusses the proposal in light of the reserves issues, and recommends that the easement be granted in line with conditions outlined in the report.

BACKGROUND

Council officers have received a proposal from the owners of 151 Marine Parade to consider providing them with an easement over the existing Garden Road Walkway Recreation Reserve at 149A Marine Parade.

Council officers visited the site and have determined that the easement is a proposal worthy of consideration by the Waitakere Community Board. Further details and issues related to the proposal are discussed under the issues section of this report.

The proposal itself involves the provision of an easement for a driveway access for residential vehicles over an existing recreation reserve in Piha. This easement will provide vehicle access to the rear of the property which will allow the owners to apply for re-development of the existing house as a more substantial family home. The rear access will allow for the proposed re-developed house to remain behind the existing row of pohutukawa along the frontage of Marine Parade. The owners have gained permission from the adjacent neighbour to utilise their existing driveway to gain access, which will further reduce the driveway impacts along Marine Parade.

The owners of the property have agreed to enter into a Conservation Covenant under the Reserves Act 1977 if the easement is granted, which will provide ongoing protection of the frontage of the property from development. The owners are also proposing to undertake native planting appropriate to the area to enhance the existing character of the frontage to ensure it is consistent with the coastal foreshore character.

A10 A statement from the owners of 151 Marine Parade on the proposal is attached at page A10.

A11 A copy of the proposed landscape works within the covenanted area is attached at page A11. This attachment also shows some sketches of the easement and the frontage that would be protected through the Conservation Covenant.

A12 The map attached at page A12 outlines the proposed easement area and the proposed area for the Conservation Covenant.

The provision of easements over reserves is governed by the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act). This provision is covered by Section 48 of the Act.

Community Boards have the delegated authority to exercise all of the Council's powers and functions under the Act in respect of local parks and reserves, within the Board's area of expertise. The Garden Road Walkway is identified in the Parks Strategy as a neighbourhood walkway and is therefore within the Community Boards delegation for local parks.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The provision of an easement in this instance is relevant to the green network strategic platform which provides for; *the protection and enhancement of the City's important landforms, landscapes, range of native plants, wildlife and ecosystems in Waitakere City and adjoining harbours and oceans.* The granting of the proposed easement will provide protection of the natural coastal character of the pohutukawa frontage alongside Marine Parade and will minimise the impact of built form within this landscape.

ISSUES

Piha Reserves Management Plan

The Piha Reserves Management Plan (the Plan) was adopted by Council in September 1999. The reserve in question is listed in the Reserve Management Plan as Garden Road Walkway. The particular part of Garden Road Walkway on which the easement is requested is currently classified as Recreation Reserve and is within Lot 15 DP 33005.

The following analysis of the objectives and policies included in the Plan is provided to indicate those areas that might be considered relevant to the proposed easement. The comment associated outlines how the objectives and policies are considered to be met by the proposed easement and associated conservation covenant.

Objective/Policy	Comment
<p>Objective 1</p> <p>To ensure the reserves are managed in terms of their reserve classifications for the enjoyment and use of the local and regional community, now and in the future.</p> <p>Accessway Reserve; Garden Road Walkway, Marine Parade Plantation Reserve; Seaview Road Plantation Reserve (no. 1); Seaview Walkway; Seaview Road Plantation Reserve (no. 2);</p> <p>Accessway Reserve and Sylvan Glade Paper Road will be managed as Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserves in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. Those areas listed not already classified as Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserves will be classified as such.</p>	<p>The provision of an easement for access is provided for within the Act for both Recreation Reserves and Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserves. As the policy ensures the Reserves are managed in accordance with their classification and Reserves Act and there is no prevention of public access in the provision of the easement, it is considered that the proposed easement is consistent with this Objective and Policy.</p>
<p>Objective 5</p> <p>Policy 3. Investigate private encroachments over Garden Road Walkway and Garden Road Plantation Reserves and undertaking negotiations with individual landowners with a view to have encroachments removed over a reasonable timeframe.</p>	<p>There are existing private encroachments within the Garden Road walkway (a house and some fencing). These encroachments potentially affect public use and access of the Reserve. The proposed easement would not prevent any public access or be of detriment to the use and enjoyment of the Reserve and can therefore be legally provided for. The access easement and any associated driveway development would therefore not be considered an encroachment and can be provided for.</p>
<p>Objective 7</p> <p>To conserve and enhance the landscapes of the reserves for the enjoyment of all visitors and residents.</p> <p>Policy 4. Planting carried out on reserves should reinforce the visual pattern of the landscape wherever practical.</p>	<p>This objective relates to reserve land, however the proposed conservation covenant associated with the accessway easement will enable a significant improvement through revegetation of the road frontage and protection into the future of this vegetation. This will be of benefit to the natural character of Piha as a whole and also the Reserves adjacent and nearby.</p>

Objective/Policy	Comment
<p>Objective 8 To protect, restore and where appropriate extend the native vegetation cover within the reserves.</p>	<p>In addition to the above, the provision of the proposed accessway easement and its development offers the opportunity for weed removal within the Garden Road Walkway area adjacent to the proposed accessway easement and associated native revegetation which will improve the reserve and meet the Objectives and Policies with regards to this.</p>
<p>Objective 14 Policy 2. Maintain the current informal nature of walkways and provide maintenance to a level that ensures vegetation does not make access difficult.</p>	<p>The proposed accessway easement can be designed to ensure that it does not prevent existing and/or proposed future informal walkways being developed within this part of the Garden Road Walkway. Currently there is no maintenance being undertaken within this Reserve.</p>

West Coast Plan

The West Coast Plan is a strategic plan for guiding the future management of the West Coast and Waitakere Ranges. The West Coast Plan contains a vision for the future of the West Coast and Waitakere Ranges, which is supported by more specific targets. The targets which relate to this easement proposal are listed below, with a comment on how this proposal is considered consistent with these targets.

New structures do not overwhelm the natural landscape

The proposal ensures an innovative outcome to prevent the redevelopment of 151 Marine Parade in front of the line of mature pohutukawa. These pohutukawa are a significant natural feature of Piha, and the provision of the easement allows the site re-development to retain this natural frontage adjacent to Marine Parade. As such, the proposal helps to achieve this target.

Pedestrian movement is encouraged

The proposal for the easement will not prevent informal pedestrian use of the Garden Road Walkway now or into the future. As such, the proposal is deemed to be consistent with this target.

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From a resource management perspective, there is value in considering the environmental effects of development that would be likely to occur if the easement is granted, relative to the effects of development that would be likely if the easement were not granted.

The property owner has indicated that they intend to extensively redevelop the property with the establishment of a new, modern family home. A requirement of such a redevelopment is for vehicular access right to the building platform. Such access would not be possible for a house in the current location without the proposed easement. As a result, it is likely that the property owner would choose to locate a new dwelling at the front of the property, adjacent to Marine Parade North.

Development of this nature would have the potential to impact negatively on the native vegetation at the front of the property, and introduce a built form into an area that is currently characterised by native vegetation. Adjacent development on land to the south has, arguably, had a significant visual impact on the natural character of this immediate area. Any such effects could be avoided if the future dwelling were situated further back on the site, which is an option that appears to be facilitated only through the grant of the easement.

Given that the easement is not considered to give rise to any adverse effects on the potential for future public access, it seems as though the environmental benefits that would accrue from the easement would outweigh those that are likely to arise if the easement is not provided.

Decision Making

The Plan, adopted in September 1999 was developed alongside an extensive public and city-wide consultation process. This process began in June 1988 and included a submissions hearing. The easement is not provided for specifically within the Plan but the objectives and policies of the Plan do not preclude an easement such as the one proposed being put in place as long as it is in accordance with the Act.

The Act provides for easements such as this to be granted without public notification. An analysis of the appropriate strategy and planning documents as outlined above, indicate that the impact of the easement would be negligible and consistent with the Reserve classification and management proposed for the Garden Road Walkway, as such, it is not considered necessary to undertake any public consultation on the proposal. The Act decision making being delegated in this instance is to the Waitakere Community Board.

RESOURCES

Any costs associated with the provision of the easement and associated covenant would be covered by the owners of 151 Marine Parade.

There would be no costs to Council associated with the implementation of the easement.

CONCLUSION

The provision of the easement over part of the Garden Road Walkway, 149A Marine Parade will not have any negative effect on the use and enjoyment of the current reserve. The proposal will not prevent use of the reserve for local access. The ability for the owners of 151 Marine Parade to gain access to the rear of their property across the reserve will enable a more appropriate site re-development proposal to be investigated and subsequently applied for through a Resource Consent application.

The associated Conservation Covenant that the owners have agreed to put in place over part of the frontage of their property will ensure significant protection now and into the future of the pohutukawa and will allow restoration of appropriate native vegetation which will be consistent with the natural character of Piha.

Due to the benefits for the overall amenity and natural character of Piha and the adjacent reserves and the negligible affect on Garden Road Walkway it is considered appropriate that the easement and associated Conservation Covenant be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Proposed Easement at 149A Marine Parade, Piha report be received.

2. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority:
- A12 (a) to negotiate and grant to the owners of 151 Marine Parade North an easement for access under section 48 (1) (f) of the Reserves Act 1977 for that part of the recreation reserve (Lot 15 DP 33005) marked A on the Piha Reserves Management Plan attached at attached page A12; and
- (b) to apply to the Minister of Conservation for consent to enter into such an easement.
3. That because the Garden Road Walkway is not likely to be materially altered or permanently damaged and the rights of the public are not likely to be permanently affected by the establishment and lawful exercise of the easement, public notification shall not be necessary under section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977.
- A12 4. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to negotiate and enter into a Conservation Covenant under section 77 of the Reserves Act 1977 with the owners of 151 Marine Parade North (Lot 8, DP 33005) for the protection of the existing and proposed vegetation at the front of that property in the area marked B on the Piha Reserves Management Plan at attached page A12.

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PUBLIC EXCLUDED MATTER

17 WAITAKERE RANGES HERITAGE AREA BILL AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AREA PLANS

This item will be considered in the Confidential Supplement of the agenda, and has been circulated to members separately with this agenda.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely, Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Bill and the Development of Local Area Plans.

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation of the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter.	Ground(s) under Section 48(1)(a) for the passing of this resolution.
Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Bill and the Development of Local Area Plans.	The withholding of information is necessary in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maintain legal professional privilege. 	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 7(2)(g) of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as follows:

- *The report contains information which if released could affect Council's negotiations.*

