

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

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

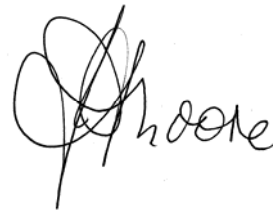
I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Waitakere Community Board will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 1 December 2009 **TIME: 7.00 pm**

MEETING ROOM: Council Chamber

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

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



25 November 2009

Judith Moore
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

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

(Quorum 4 members)

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(Meeting Room could be subject to change)

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THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY
ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2009,
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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 3 November 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, Tuesday, 3 November 2009, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

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

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



4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



5 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE

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



6 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

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



7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for December 2009.

Report

1. I had written my report for the November meeting of the Community Board before news of Christine Shepherd's resignation came. I will be leaving New Zealand the day of the farewell afternoon tea for her, so I want to record my thanks and good wishes here. Christine brought commitment, energy and organisation to her Community Board role. Some of her major legacies include:
 - the Christmas in the Park celebration;
 - the Summerlands Community House;
 - McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative (MPHS) Project; and
 - the Unsung Heroes Awards.

She will be greatly missed by other groups she has worked for, not least the Glenora League Club. All the very best, Christine, as you build a new career back in your homeland.

2. Our November Community Board meeting was held at the earlier time of 5.00 pm, in order to attend a community meeting about the future of the Titirangi village later in the evening. I know this inconvenienced some people, but it was very worthwhile. Over 200 people attended the community meeting which was pretty good for 6:30 pm on a Tuesday evening. For such a large gathering, there was surprising congruence in people's thinking. Clearly the village is important to people in the surrounding area. Lopdell House is a much valued focal point and nobody wants to see any building that challenges its iconic position. Most people asked that no buildings of more than two stories be built. People agreed with Project Manager - Urban Design, that there have been some hideously ugly and impractical buildings built. At the same time, there was strong feeling against some kind of stylistic uniformity. People value the quirkiness of some of the buildings. The type of shopping was also a strong theme with a general desire to see the petrol station gone despite it being well run and convenient. The supermarket location was also not popular. A proliferation of real estate offices has raised people's ire. They would like them banished to the upstairs of any two storey buildings. People would like to see more boutique shopping and more opportunities to buy local arts and crafts in the village. On the arts theme, Lopdell House is valued not just for its design and stature, but also as a home for theatre, film and fine arts. The compactness of Titirangi is also valued and there was a general feeling that it should not spread any further with some concern about how much it has already spilled down South Titirangi Road. People love the way it is contained by trees and the trees are much loved, including the exotic cypress trees in front of Lopdell House. The walk-ability of Titirangi was regarded as important and people asked for more and better bush walks, to provide greater connectivity from the village into the community.
3. Council officers now face some challenges encapsulating these ideas into workable proposals. How, for example, do you stop the commercial sprawl without prohibiting the local artist from selling work from a backyard studio? People would like to see the parking in the village reorganised and that too will be no easy task. However, given the talent, energy and enthusiasm that our officers bring to the task, I anticipate some exciting outcomes.
4. My wife and I visited Raglan the following weekend and saw there a mixture of old and new buildings that created the kind of atmosphere Titirangi is looking for, together with plenty of cafes and boutique shopping to suit both locals and visitors.
5. I received news that Ian Ford, long-serving Fire Chief of Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade is stepping aside. Ian has been a wonderful leader for the Brigade. I have often attended incidents with Ian and have been impressed by his good judgement and his capacity to be efficient without being officious. Leading a team of volunteers in high pressure and often dangerous situations is a skill not to be underestimated. So thanks Ian for showing us how it's done.
6. Ian deserves another thank you for the fact that while he is stepping aside from leading the Brigade, he will remain on the team. By doing so, he will allow a much smoother succession and I am sure his successor will be truly grateful. Our City, and particularly our Ward, depends on the work of very many dedicated volunteers. In commenting on what Ian is doing, I would like to call on all the wonderful volunteers out there to give some thought to managing the way they give up their roles when the time comes. Succession planning is vital in voluntary organisations. Sometimes people are put off from taking on a role by not knowing just what it might entail.

7. While talking of volunteer fire fighters, I want to mention a recent incident on the Piha Road at which a number of them were kept occupied for some hours. An out of control car crashed into a transformer which leaked fluid and the crash also brought down a power pole and left power lines across the road. This meant the road was closed on a busy weekend. For most people it was just an inconvenience, albeit a large one, but there were some with planes to catch and medical needs for whom it rapidly became a crisis. The people handling the incident did so very well, but it does serve to remind us that we have a number of communities in our area accessed by a single road.
8. In January 2010, Piha will be the venue for the World Junior Surfing Championship. Many drivers will be travelling out there and there will be many who are unfamiliar with the road plus the usual number of intoxicated drivers. A major crash during this event, particularly if it occurred on the Saturday, would bring chaos. There are roading improvements in the pipeline for Darcy's Hill, which is the most frequent site of 'loss of control' accidents. However, the fact that the road passes through our Regional Park means that power lines are almost always close to the road and, as a consequence, vulnerable to out of control drivers. I think that for safety, aesthetics, and to limit the effects of road crashes, we need the lines placed underground for the length of the Piha Road. Of course, we also need New Zealand Transport Agency to allow us to reduce speed limits on these roads.
- AI-A3 9. On Sunday, 15 November 2009 I went to the 130 year celebration of Albion House. I have attached at pages A1 to A3, some photos of the event. It was a great occasion, and well supported despite the weather. The property is in fantastic shape and looked wonderful with the rain freshening up the beautiful old roses rambling over the walls. I took the chance to have a peek at the restoration work Dave is doing on another old tram. The previous one is fantastic and it is a shame that it has left Waitakere to go further down the coast to Whanganui. I hope that the same thing doesn't happen to this one. Thank you Dave for keeping Oratia's history alive.
10. After tonight I may not see many of you before Christmas. I am looking forward to going to see my son and his family in Santa Cruz, California and to meeting in person my newest grandson, Kian Pablo Witten-Hannah. I will take this opportunity to wish my fellow Community Board Members and our Council officers, all the Resident and Ratepayer Association Members and all the other wonderful volunteers who keep our ward going, a wonderful Christmas and a good start to the New Year. While I will be out of phone contact, I will still keep in touch with emails, but I hope nothing too serious will happen back here.
11. I want to finish this report for the last month of the last year BSC (before Super City) by paying tribute to our Council officers. The uncertainty of the future is far worse for them than for the rest of us. As more of them take up other opportunities, those who are left come under greater pressure. A number of departments have projects that they are desperate to complete before the curtain falls on Waitakere. I thank them for their dedication and determination, but also wish to remind them that Elected Members are here as partners and often if they talk to us about their plans we can give them helpful advice and assistance with our links into the community. To get the most out of the next ten months it is more important than ever that we work in a partnership of Members and Council officers. Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui!

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP
CHAIRMAN



8 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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







9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS


It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 1 December 2009.
2. **Agree** that the Waitakere Community Board present a submission to the Local Government Commission on the Auckland Governance Arrangements: Proposals for Ward, Local Boards and Boundaries for Auckland document.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	<p>Footpath Maintenance in the Waitakere Ward</p> <p>Public Forum 2 December 2008</p> <p>Resolution No. 286/2009 3 March 2009</p> <p>Waitakere Community Board</p>	<p>Service requests tentatively planned for the next three months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victory Road – outside No. 54 (tentative for November 2009); • Huia Road – outside No. 370 (tentative for November 2009); • Wood Bay Road – outside No. 89 (this requires design and will be looked at early in the new year); • Tanekaha Road – outside No. 6 (tentative for November 2009); • Marine Parade South – centre line kerbing (tentative for November 2009); • Marine Parade South – kerbing in car park (tentative for November 2009); and • Kohu Road - (tentative for November 2009). 	<p>Canute Chandrakumaran</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8716</p>
2.	<p>Parking Stakeholder Consultation</p> <p>Resolution No. 319/2009</p> <p>5 March 2009</p> <p>Policy and Strategy Committee</p>	<p>The draft Parking Plans were adopted by the Policy and Strategy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2009.</p> <p>It is now expected that copies of the final Parking Plans will be available in December 2009.</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8854</p>
3.	<p>Draft Freight Plan Consultation</p> <p>Resolution No. 1359/2009</p> <p>6 August 2009</p> <p>Policy and Strategy Committee</p>	<p>Public consultation on the draft Waitakere City Freight Plan concluded on Friday, 20 November 2009. The outcome of the consultation will be reported back to the Policy and Strategy Committee on Thursday, 7 February 2010.</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8854</p>
4.	<p>Grassmere Reserve Sheep Grazing</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>A mail drop was made to properties within 800 metres of Grassmere Reserve on Wednesday, 11 November 2009 and advertisements were placed in the Western Leader and New Zealand Herald on Thursday, 19 November 2009 inviting expressions of interest for a grazing license. Council officers have requested expressions of interest be received in writing by</p>	<p>Stephanie Willcox</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8305</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		<p>Monday, 7 December 2009.</p> <p>A full report will be presented to the Waitakere Community Board at its meeting on Tuesday, 2 February 2010, once expressions of interest have been received, if any.</p>	
5.	<p>Seymour Road / Parris Cross Road, Sunnyvale Proposed Roundabout</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>Council received requests to improve the safety of this intersection as part of public consultation two years ago. Council is proposing to install a new roundabout at the intersection of Seymour Road / Parris Cross Road as part of the Citywide minor improvement programme.</p> <p>A new roundabout at this location will address the safety issues and provide better traffic management by reducing the delays for vehicles turning right into, or out of, Seymour Road during peak periods.</p> <p>The estimated cost of \$180,000 has been budgeted in the Annual Plan 2009/2010 and physical works are programmed to start in April 2010.</p> <p>The new roundabout is located on the border of the Henderson, Waitakere and New Lynn Wards and as such, has gone to all three Community Boards for information.</p>	<p>Duncan Campbell</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8019</p>
6.	<p>Auckland Governance Arrangements: Proposals for Ward, Local Boards and Boundaries for Auckland</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>The Local Government Commission announced the Auckland Wards, Local Boards and Boundaries on Friday, 20 November 2009.</p> <p>The Community Boards are invited to make a submission to the Local Government Commission on the Auckland Governance Arrangements: Proposals for Ward, Local Boards and Boundaries for Auckland document.</p> <p>The Council will be holding a workshop to discuss further details of the announced Auckland Governance</p>	<p>Graeme Campbell</p> <p>☎ 836 8000</p> <p>Ext: 8510</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
		<p>arrangements. Councillors and Community Board Chairmen are invited to the workshop.</p> <p>Council officers will be available at all Community Board meetings to answer any questions Board Members may have pertaining to making a submission to the Local Government Commission. The closing date for submissions is Friday, 11 December 2009.</p> <p>A copy of the document, Auckland Governance Arrangements: Proposals for Ward, Local Boards and Boundaries for Auckland, is circulated separately with this agenda for your information.</p>	

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha / Karekare And Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	Resolution No. 1725/2004 7 September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.



10 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER OF WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the resignation, from the Waitakere Community Board, of Christine Shepherd. An extraordinary vacancy has therefore occurred on the Waitakere Community Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Resignation of Member of Waitakere Community Board report.
2. **Agree** that the extraordinary vacancy on the Waitakere Community Board not be filled.

BACKGROUND

1. Christine Shepherd submitted her resignation from the position of Waitakere Community Board Member, for personal reasons, to the Chief Executive Officer on 27 October 2009. Consequently, an extraordinary vacancy has occurred on the Waitakere Community Board.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

2. Section 4 (2) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, provides that resignations take effect from the day they are delivered to the Chief Executive Officer, so Christine Shepherd's resignation as a Member of the Waitakere Community Board is effective from 27 October 2009.
3. Section 33 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 states that sections 117 (2) to (6), 118 and 119 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 apply, with all necessary modifications, to any extraordinary vacancy that occurs:
 - (a) in the office of an elected member of an existing local authority or in the office of an elected member of a community board of an existing local authority; and
 - (b) at any time during the transition period.
4. Sections 117 (2) to (6), 118 and 119 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 apply to the method of filling the extraordinary vacancy.
5. Essentially there is no provision for any by-election to be held, but the Waitakere Community Board has the choice to determine by resolution:
 - (a) that the vacancy be filled by the appointment by the Waitakere Community Board of a person who is qualified to be elected as a member; or
 - (b) that the vacancy is not to be filled.
6. Former Member Christine Shepherd has been on leave of absence from the Board for a period of 6 months since July 2009. Her absence has been adequately covered by other Community Board Members during that time and the appointment of a replacement is deemed unnecessary. However, should the Community Board determine that is not the case and prefer to appoint another person to fill the extraordinary vacancy, then the Community Board will have to resolve to do so and make an appointment.
7. If the decision is to make an appointment to fill the extraordinary vacancy then the Community Board should:
 - (a) name the person to fill the extraordinary vacancy in the resolution at this meeting; and
 - (b) give public notice of the resolution to appoint that person; and
 - (c) give public notice of the process, or criteria by which the person named in the resolution was selected for appointment, and
 - (d) subsequently, within the prescribed period (30 days) confirm the appointment by resolution; or
 - (e) give public notice of its decision not to fill the extraordinary vacancy.

8. If the person named to fill the extraordinary vacancy is unavailable, or otherwise not able to be confirmed, then a further vacancy occurs and the process is repeated. It would be preferable that if a person is to be appointed, that the Community Board has determined the availability of that person and determined the process and criteria used for the selection for subsequent advertising.
9. Sometimes such extraordinary vacancies are filled by the highest polling unsuccessful candidate at the previous election. There is no statutory requirement or precedent requiring this to be done. Community Boards have also at times invited registrations of interest, or invited qualified persons to be considered for the appointment and determined a process to choose the most preferred candidate.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

10. The smooth functioning of Waitakere City's Community Boards contributes positively to the "Active Democracy" and "Strong Communities" strategic platforms of Council's Long Term Council Community Plan.

CONSULTATION

11. There is no consultation required.

RESOURCES

12. There are no resources other than staff time to resolve this matter as a by-election is not permitted to be held.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

13. There are no implementation issues should the Waitakere Community Board choose not to fill the vacancy.
14. Should the Waitakere Community Board choose to fill the vacancy by appointment, the process determined will be followed and an appropriate induction will be arranged for the appointed member.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

15. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Darryl Griffin: Group Manager Democracy and Support Services.



11 LAINGHOLM BEACH HALL DEMOLITION

GLOSSARY

Laingholm Beach Hall	(the Hall)
Laingholm District Citizens Association Inc	(LDCA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Waitakere Community Board of the report that is to go to the Infrastructure and Works Committee meeting on 2 December 2009 to demolish the Laingholm Beach Hall (the Hall) which is situated at 12a Western Road, Laingholm.

The Hall was built by the community for the local Scout group in 1984. The Scout group later disbanded and in 1999 ownership of the Hall was transferred to the Waitakere City Council. In 2001, the Laingholm District and Citizens Association Incorporated (LDCA) took over the management of the Hall as a community facility. Since 1999, the Hall has had very little use and as a result the condition of the building has deteriorated.

Community consultation was undertaken in 2005 and again in 2009, with the residents of Laingholm, to determine the future of the Hall. In 2005 the community were in favour of it being retained, saying that there would be use of it by five different clubs but the use never eventuated. On 24 September 2009, at a public meeting, the meeting unanimously voted to have the building demolished.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Laingholm Beach Hall Demolition report.

BACKGROUND

1. There are currently three halls in Laingholm, the Hall, the Village Hall and the Laingholm Primary School Hall which opened in 2008 and incorporating a community room which Council contributed \$100,000 towards.
2. In 2004, as a result of a site visit to the Hall to undertake a routine health and safety audit, a requirement for major structural repairs to the foundations was identified. Council also learned that the Hall had been largely unused for the previous five years. In an effort to make a sound decision in regards to the future of the Hall, Council undertook to consult with the local community as to whether they wished for the building to be demolished or repaired. The results of a survey were inconclusive as 44% of the local community wanted the building demolished, while 49% thought it should be repaired – the remainder (7%) were unsure.
3. The LDCA also undertook independent consultation at this time and as a result of a community meeting they held, LDCA presented to Council a request that the Hall be repaired and that the community was committed to using the Hall for activities that included movie evenings, yoga classes, canoe and kayak clubs, a German-speaking play group and a youth club. An agenda report was presented to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee in October 2005 in relation to the request to retain and repair the Hall.

4. At its meeting on 10 October 2005, the Finance and Operational Performance Committee resolved:

- “1. That the Laingholm Beach Hall be retained and repaired.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to negotiate and execute a lease under Section 61 of the Reserves Act 1977 with the Laingholm District and Citizens Association for the footprint of the Laingholm Beach Hall on Western Park, Laingholm”.

1999/2005

5. Subsequently, the Council spent \$38,000 repairing the facility to make it safe and renewed the lease.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

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6. In June 2009, a Council officer attended a meeting of the LDCA and found that the Hall had little or no bookings since the last consultation in 2005. None of the clubs that the community indicated would use the Hall eventuated and the building had sat virtually unused until present. As a result the building is currently in a state of disrepair with broken windows and rotten floors. Photographs of the disrepair are attached at pages A4 to A5.

Options Identified

7. The decision to consider the demolition of the Hall rather than shifting it to another location was considered by both Councillors and Council officers following a site visit on 23 July 2009 by the Waitakere Community Board Chairman and Council officers from Leisure Services, Property Assets, and Public Affairs.

Assessment of Options

8. It was acknowledged at this site visit that the condition of the building was one of serious disrepair with a leaking roof that had rotted the floor, windows needing to be replaced, wall linings repaired and a host of other issues.
9. The suggestion was made that the building could potentially be moved to another location. Advice was received that the type of construction of the Hall, which is a curved barn style, did not lend itself easily to transportation. Also the cost of the removal and subsequent renovation would exceed the cost to build new on another site and the eventual building would be less than satisfactory, having little or no insulation, old toilets, kitchen etc.
10. As a result of the advice that the building was past its useful life, the decision was made not to recommend to the community that a facility, which had so little use over the past 10 years, be repaired. When advertising the public meeting to the community, it was made clear that Council considered repairing or relocation not to be an option both in terms of logistics and cost.
11. The following table highlights some of the wider issues in relation to repairing and shifting to a new location or demolition:

	Option 1 – repairing and shifting to new site		Option 2 - demolition	
	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages
Social	The building would not be easy to move and still would need repairs done if located on a new site.	Could be used by a community group provided they accept the limitations the amount of work needed to bring it up to standard.	Building removed and no longer available for community use.	Removal of building to allow the site to be used by the community for other purposes.
Economic	Costly and once on a new site would need significant upgrade to building.	Nil	There will be some cost to Council for demolition of the building	Savings to the ratepayers over the years of not repairing and maintaining a building that is not used by the community.
Cultural	Little evidence of cultural significance to community.	Nil	Loss of a community facility.	A site that could be used for other cultural purposes in the community.
Environment	Potential negative implications if located on another park or reserve, from the perspective of visual amenity and site coverage.	The current site is prone to flooding and removing the building allows for the site to revert to a natural state.	There are no negative impacts to the environment by demolishing the building.	Removal will allow the site to be redeveloped in a manner appropriate to the natural conditions of the site.

Consideration of Community Views

12. The community's views have been taken into account throughout the process over the past five years.
13. After discussion with the LDCA, as to their plans for the future of the Hall, the LDCA committee decided, due to the ongoing cost of managing a building that the community were not using being unsustainable, that it would relinquish its lease on the building.
14. At a public meeting held on Thursday, 24 September 2009, attended by the Waitakere Community Board Chairman, a Councillor for the Waitakere Ward and Council officers, the meeting unanimously voted to have the building demolished. Recommendations, in regard to the use of the land, were canvassed at the meeting and these will be considered by Council's Parks Planning unit as part of the Waitakere Ward Local Parks Reserve Management Planning process which is currently underway.

Preferred Option

15. The preferred option is that the Hall be demolished.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

16. Community and Leisure Facilities and activities contribute to Council's Strong Communities and Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Priorities by helping provide networks of appropriate and accessible public buildings as key community focal points through a wide range of low cost, low impact community activities.
17. The Local Government Act 2002 defines one of Council's responsibilities is to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well being of communities, in the present and for the future, the provision of quality community facilities meets this objective.

CONSULTATION

18. Considerable consultation was carried out by Council in 2005 by sending a survey to all the homes in the Laingholm area and asking whether they wished the building to be repaired or demolished. A public meeting was also held by the LDCA. The consultation showed that 44% of the local community wanted the building demolished, while 49% thought it should be repaired – the remainder (7%) were unsure. As the result was not definitive, a decision was taken then to repair the building as the community agreed to commit to run numerous activities in the Hall. None of these activities eventuated.
19. In the September 2009 issue of the Laingholm Roundabout, a full page notice was placed to inform the Laingholm residents of the intention to consult with the community on the demolition of the building. On 24 September 2009, the meeting took place in the Hall and although there was not a significant turn out of residents, the meeting unanimously voted to demolish the building.
20. Internal consultation was undertaken with an officer from Maori Relationships, and it was identified that there is no indication of the hall having significance to Maori. There is no intention at this stage to dispose of the land and any connections by Iwi would be to the land and not the building.

RESOURCES

21. There will be a need for staff time and some expenditure of costs, as yet unbudgeted, to demolish the Hall. The current estimate of cost is \$10,000; however, this will be qualified through the tender process. As there is no budget in the 2009/2010 financial year for this project, this should be considered for funding from half year savings or otherwise will need to be budgeted in Annual Plan 2010/2011.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

22. Obtaining of the necessary consents and the demolition of the Hall will be undertaken by Property Assets as soon as funding and approval of the demolition has been received.
23. Should the demolition not be undertaken in a timely manner then there is a potential for vandalism of the Hall as it becomes more widely known that it is no longer occupied.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

24. The Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009 imposes restrictions on Waitakere City Council's decision making capabilities in respect of the disposal of an asset as required in section 31 (5) (b).

Report prepared by: Jan Brown: Senior Community Liaison Officer.



12 BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA – NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Waitakere Community Board to install No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions on Beach Valley Road, Piha and some pedestrian improvement measures to be undertaken as part of the minor improvement programme.

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

Three options have been identified: to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions, to install the pedestrian improvement measures, or to have the area remain unrestricted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Beach Valley Road, Piha – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restrictions and Proposed Pedestrian Improvements report.
2. **Approve** in principle the proposed pedestrian improvement measures in **BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA** as shown attached at pages A6 and A9.
3. **Approve** that in relation to **BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA:**
 - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 – Traffic, the following restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the south kerb line of **BEACH VALLEY ROAD**, starting approximately 6 metres from the eastern boundary of number 34 Beach Valley Road and extending east for a distance of approximately 16 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.

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BACKGROUND

1. Waitakere City Council has received several requests for pedestrian improvements on Beach Valley Road between Seaview Road and number 34 Beach Valley Road. During the summer the parking demand can be high, and the road is not wide enough to cater for parked vehicles whilst leaving the roadside clear for pedestrians.
2. Beach Valley Road is classified as a local road in the Waitakere City Council District Plan, and is the only access road to South Piha Road.
3. In September 2009, local residents were consulted with proposed plans for pedestrian improvements on Beach Valley Road. These included extending the existing pedestrian path outside number 32, and a scheme using wheelstops to separate parked vehicles from pedestrians for a distance of approximately 170 metres west of Seaview Road.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

4. A search of the New Zealand Transport Agency database shows there has been one reported accident on Beach Valley Road between Seaview Road and number 34 Beach Valley Road in the five year period between 2004 and 2008. The database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents that have occurred. It is entirely possible one or more unreported accidents have occurred in this street.
5. The location and design of the proposed pedestrian improvements and No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions are indicated on the diagrams attached at pages A6 to A7.

Options Identified

6. The options considered were to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions, or to leave the area unrestricted. The only pedestrian improvement options originally considered were, extending the pedestrian path outside number 30, and the wheelstop scheme south of Seaview Road.
7. However, the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association have since suggested that roadside trees could be cleared as an alternative to the wheelstop scheme, and the situation reviewed at a later date to see if further measures are warranted. They have also requested a new pedestrian path to be constructed at the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road intersection, and for future road widening of Beach Valley Road to be considered. It has been suggested to the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association that options for road widening are more appropriate as an Annual Plan submission.

Consideration of Community Views

8. During September 2009, letters and voting sheets were delivered to residents of Beach Valley Road, Marine Parade and Sylvan Glade asking residents to indicate whether they were in favour of, or opposed to, the proposed pedestrian improvement measures. The consultation results are indicated on the diagram attached at page A8.

9. The letter drop responses are as follows:
 - 24 residents replied to the proposed scheme;
 - 17 residents expressed support for the scheme; and
 - 7 residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the scheme.
10. There were no objections to the pedestrian scheme by number 32 Beach Valley Road, but the objections to the wheelstop scheme which have been reiterated by the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association and the Piha Returned Services Association were as follows:
 - (a) Loss of on-street parking for Returned Services Association visitors;
 - (b) In winter the road side grass area can become boggy, so pedestrians may wish to walk on the road; and
 - (c) Aesthetic look of the wheelstops.
11. The Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association have instead suggested that roadside trees for the 170 metre section west of Seaview Road be cut back, and options for road widening be considered. They have also requested a new pedestrian path be constructed on the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road corner.
12. In addition, a number of residents raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of 9 to 11 Beach Valley Road and the Returned Services Association regarding the narrow road width, high vehicle speeds and restricted sightlines.

Preferred Option

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13. The preferred option is to construct the proposed pedestrian scheme outside number 30 Beach Valley Road attached at page A6, cut back some roadside trees for the 170 metre length south of Seaview Road, and to investigate the feasibility of a new pedestrian path at the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road intersection attached at page A9.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

14. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe 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.
15. No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on all roads by keeping traffic lanes and unobstructed access to properties.

CONSULTATION

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

RESOURCES

17. Funding of \$50,000 has been provided in the Annual Plan 2009/2010 for minor improvement works and the proposed pedestrian improvement measures can be implemented under this budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

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

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

19. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Duncan Campbell: Senior Transport Engineer.



13 HUIA ROAD, HUIA – NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Council officers were advised that affected residents are in agreement with this proposal and have taken into consideration the best option for serving them and the community.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Huia Road, Huia – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restriction report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **HUIA ROAD, HUIA:**
 - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 – Traffic, the following restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the east kerb line of **HUIA ROAD**, starting at approximately 30 metres north of the intersection of the Whatipu Road and Huia Road intersection and extending north for a distance of approximately 50 metres, the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.
3. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Transport Rule; Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved and be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitation and restriction.

BACKGROUND

1. A request for a new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction has been received from a resident who is concerned that this section of Huia Road is not wide enough for two traffic lanes and an area for parallel parking beside the newly created picnic area.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

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2. The width of Huia Road in the vicinity of the proposed No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is approximately 5.0 to 6.5 metres. This is not enough for two way traffic flow, plus parallel parking.
3. The location of the new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is indicated on the diagram attached at page A10.

Options Identified

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

Consideration of Community Views

5. Council officers have been advised by the resident's representative that this request has come from the residents of Huia and therefore consultation was not considered necessary.

Preferred Option

6. The preferred option is to put in the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction to ensure safe movement on roads by keeping traffic lanes clear of parked vehicles.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

7. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe 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.
8. No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on all roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

CONSULTATION

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

RESOURCES

10. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction can be implemented under the Annual Plan 2009/2010 minor improvement budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

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

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

12. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris: Transport Technician.



14 SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON – NEW MOBILITY CARDHOLDERS ONLY PARKING RESTRICTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction outside 703 Swanson Road, Swanson (Swanson Primary School).

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

Two options have been identified: to install the Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Swanson Road, Swanson – New Mobility Cardholders Only Parking Restriction report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **SWANSON ROAD, SWANSON:**
 - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 – Traffic, the following restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the north kerb line of **SWANSON ROAD**, outside 703 Swanson Road (Swanson Primary School) and adjacent to an existing Mobility Cardholders Only parking space, the new **MOBILITY CARDHOLDERS ONLY** parking restriction be put in place.
3. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Transport Rule; Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved to be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitation and restriction.

BACKGROUND

1. A request to install an additional Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction was received from a parent whose special needs child attends Swanson Primary School. The parent advised that many children with special needs attend Swanson Primary School and one mobility parking space was not sufficient.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

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2. The location of the new Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction is indicated on the diagram attached at page A11.

Options Identified

3. Two options have been identified: to put in a Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

Consideration of Community Views

4. Verbal consultation was undertaken with Swanson Primary School during October 2009. There were no objections.

Preferred Option

5. The new Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction is recommended to allow better accessibility to school parking for the parents of children with special needs.
6. The preferred option is to put in the Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

7. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs for access, communication, and safety.
8. Mobility Cardholders Only parking restrictions can be applied to ensure safe accessible parking is available to those people with special needs.

CONSULTATION

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

RESOURCES

10. The new Mobility Cardholders Only parking restriction can be implemented under the Annual Plan 2009/2010 minor improvements budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

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

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

12. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Jane Harris: Transport Technician.



15 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

GLOSSARY

Project Twin Streams	(PTS)
Auckland Regional Holdings	(ARH)
Auckland Regional Council	(ARC)
Integrated Catchment Management Plan	(ICMP)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams (PTS) outcomes and highlights from February 2009 to November 2009.

The 2009 planting season for riparian restoration finished in October 2009, with 122,020 plants planted. Works on the Henderson Creek are nearing completion. Swanson, Lower Oratia and Lower Opanuku streams are around 50% complete, and a relatively small amount of works have been carried out in Waikumete Stream due to a late start.

Community involvement had a significant increase, with just over 11,800 volunteers attending PTS events in 2009. The use of arts as a community engagement tool is highly effective, with many arts projects undertaken by community groups.

Property acquisitions are progressing on 107 properties (this includes full purchases, partial purchases and conservation covenants). To date, 95 property purchases have been completed.

The PTS walk/cycle ways have been completed for the Oratia, Lower Opanuku and Waikumete streams. Construction on the Upper Opanuku walk/cycleway has commenced and is due for completion in April 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Project Twin Streams Update report.

BACKGROUND

1. The purpose or kaupapa for Project Twin Streams (PTS) is: working together for healthy streams and strong communities: creating a sustainable future.
2. PTS is a Council-Community project that focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. The project uses a community development approach to tackle the issues around integrated stormwater management and the restoration of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams.
3. PTS is funded by a grant from Infrastructure Auckland, now Auckland Regional Holdings (ARH). The grant consists of \$40 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 \$8.6 million (\$5.2 million from ARH and \$3.4 million from New Zealand Transport Agency) was received to build 10km of new walk/cycleways alongside three of the streams in the PTS catchment.
4. The key driver for PTS was to achieve environmental quality improvement. There are critical issues facing the catchment, such as:
 - high levels of pollution in the discharge from Henderson Creek to the Waitemata Harbour;
 - sporadic flooding, erosion and sedimentation of stream beds; and
 - unacceptable levels of sewer overflows during storms.
5. However, it was clear from the start of the project that to improve environmental quality needed an approach which integrated the four wellbeings (environmental, social, cultural and economic) and recognised the spiritual connection between people and the natural environment. This quadruple bottom line approach is reflected in the PTS Strategic Plan that was approved by Council in July 2005.
6. The point of difference between PTS and 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 community organisations are more knowledgeable about their community, and therefore better at engaging local people;
 - Each community has its own diverse characteristics;
 - Creative learning methods that engage people are more effective in creating meaningful and long-term behaviour change; and
 - A partnership approach between local communities, non-government organisations, and local, regional, and central government, will be a very effective way of achieving long-term change towards sustainability.

DECISION MAKING

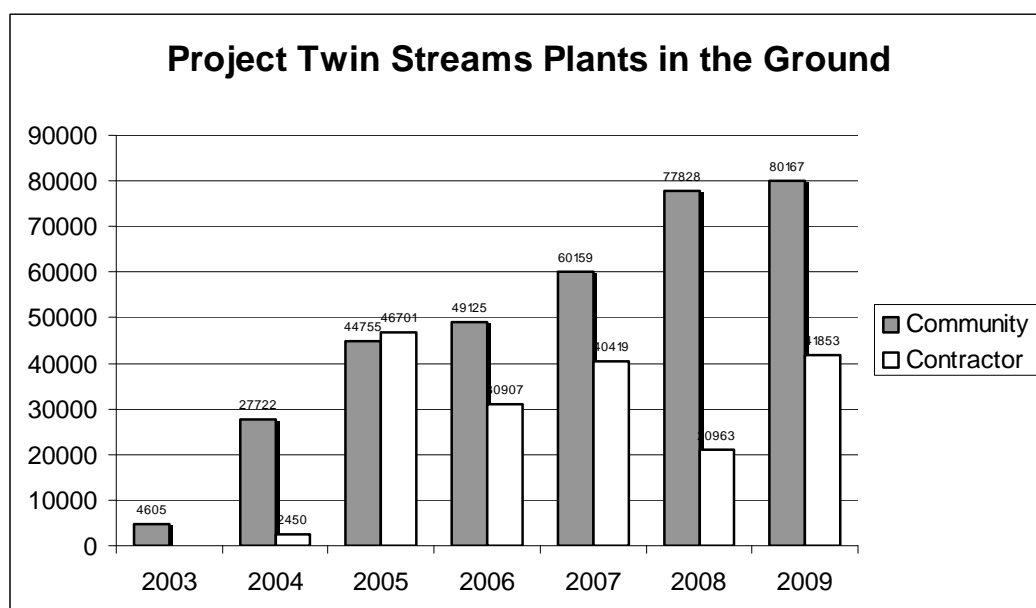
7. This report is for information only, hence no decision making is required.

PTS Organisational Structure Change

8. Restructuring in the Council's City Services directorate has resulted in major changes to the PTS organisational structure. The project and project team has been moved from EcoWater to Parks Assets under the management of the Service Manager: Parks and Open Spaces.

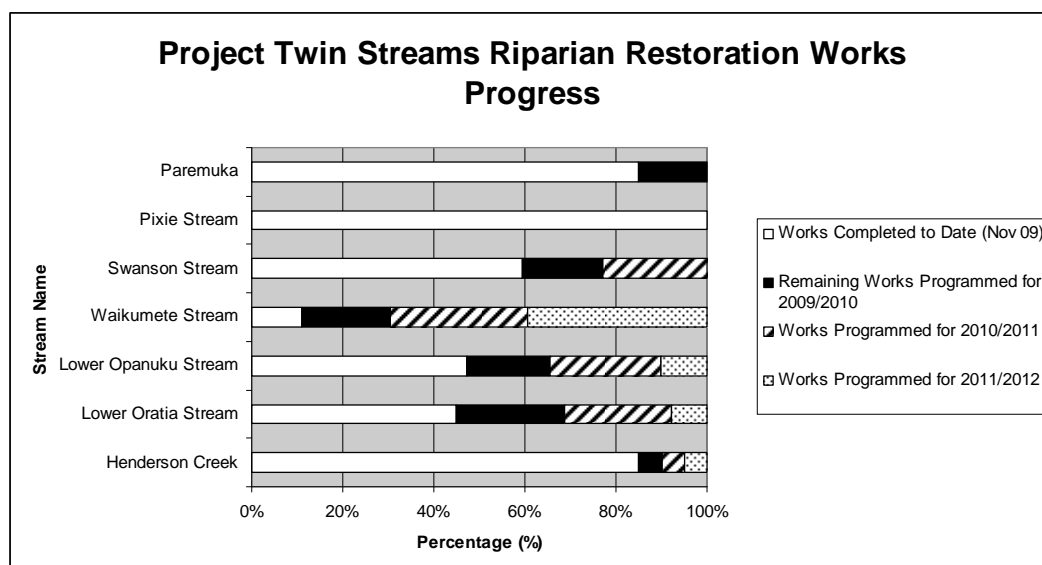
Planting and Maintenance Programme

9. The planting season for 2009 finished in October 2009, and a further 122,020 plants have been planted in the five streams. Almost two-thirds (80,167 of these plants were planted by community groups/individuals, as shown in Graph 1 below. This brings the total number of plants planted by PTS to just over 500,000 plants.



Graph 1 - Number of plants that have been planted by community versus contractors.

10. Progress of stream restoration works on the five PTS streams varies. The programmed works in Henderson Creek are almost completed, with minor infilling and maintenance planned for the next two years. Around half the programmed works is completed in the Lower Oratia, Lower Opanuku and Swanson streams. Waikumete Stream has had relatively small amount of work undertaken so far, with only 11% of works completed. This is attributable to the late start on this stream and the consultation process (obtaining approval to enter from numerous private property owners). The graph below summarises the percentage of works that has been completed at each stream and when the remaining works are planned for completion.
11. Riparian restoration works commenced on the Paremuka Stream in May 2009. Approximately 15m wide strips on each side of the stream, for a length of 400m, has had weeds cleared and planting carried out. The site is currently in the maintenance stage and on track for works to be completed by December 2009.



Graph 2 - Riparian works completed and planning for remaining works.

Community Contracts and Community Engagement

12. There are four community organisations and one local resident (as listed in Table 1) who are contracted by PTS to engage their local communities. These organisations and individuals have met their targets for stream planting and community engagement. The table below provides a summary of the community contract organisations' performance on the basis of the number of plants planted and volunteer attendance numbers.

Community Contract Organisation	Stream	Number of Plants Planted by Community Over 2009	Number of Volunteers (individuals)	Number of Groups
Te Ukaipo Mercy for Rangatahi	Swanson, Waimoko and Momutu Streams	9,296	731	10
Swanson (local resident contracted)	Swanson	2,830		
Community Waitakere	Henderson Creek	12,002	905	16
McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative	Opanuku	21,383	1,878	19
McLaren Park Henderson South Community Initiative	Oratia	13,174	3,644	16
EcoMatters Environment Trust	Waikumete, Bishop and Whakarina Streams	19,154	2,622	11
Te Ukaipo Mercy for Rangatahi	Paremuka Stream	2,328		

Community Contract Organisation	Stream	Number of Plants Planted by Community Over 2009	Number of Volunteers (individuals)	Number of Groups
TOTALS		80,167	9,780	72

Table 1 - List of community organisations contracted by Council to engage its local communities in PTS. Numbers of plants planted by these organisations are also provided.

13. During November 2008, Council was in negotiations with Corban Estate Arts Centre to extend its contract to include the upper Opanuku Stream portion (between Border and Candia roads). However, this negotiation was unsuccessful as Corban Estate Arts Centre decided it wasn't feasible for them to manage the additional area. Hence, a new contract was negotiated with McLaren Park Henderson South to take over the upper and lower Opanuku Stream community contract from July 2009 onwards.
14. Other activities undertaken by contracted community organisations which exemplify the success of using the community development model are:
 - A grant secured by Ecomatters Environment Trust from the Ministry for the Environment for undertaking stream restoration works outside of the ARH funded areas within the Waikumete Stream catchment;
 - Orchards planted in the Waikumete and Oratia streams;
 - A pilot trainee programme was run in partnership with Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives and Parks Maintenance and Services Limited. The programme involved selecting three at risk youth from the Ranui/Swanson area to work with the contractors on the Paremuka Stream to gain skills in riparian restoration works. All three cadets successfully completed the programme and were awarded certificates of completion; and
 - A stream ranger role has been developed by Ecomatters Environment Trust, whose responsibility is to assist with the engagement of property owners around the Waikumete Stream.

Creative Processes and Innovative Learning

15. Using creative learning methods to engage people is a tangible and fun way for people, particularly children, to engage in PTS.
16. Various creative learning projects have brought together a range of diverse groups and ages to engage in PTS. These include:
 - Installation of mosaic pavers at Lower Opanuku Stream with Henderson High School students;
 - Running a "learning outside the classroom" programme which has been attended by approximately 250 students from primary to high school level;
 - Co-ordinating photography exhibitions;
 - Creating a mural at Swanson Road Primary School;
 - Designing and creating a puriri moth costume that was worn at Storyfest 2009; and
 - Organising and running Songquest in conjunction with Zeal. Photographs and a DVD of this event are currently being produced.

Walk/Cycleways

17. In 2004 an application was approved by Auckland Regional Holdings for \$5.2 million to construct walk/cycleways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams. An additional subsidy of \$3.4 million from New Zealand Transport Agency has also been approved. To date a total length of 6.7km of walk/cycleways has been opened to public, which includes:
 - Completion of the Oratia Stream walk/cycleway - 1.6km;
 - Completion of the Lower Opanuku walk/cycleway - 2.6km;
 - Completion of the Lower Waikumete walk/cycleway - 540m;
 - Completion of the Millbrook Road (Oratia Stream) walk/cycleway - 1.4km; and
 - Upper Waikumete - 600m.
18. The Upper Opanuku walk/cycleway commenced construction on 16 June and is due for completion on 16 April 2010. This section of the walk/cycleway will be 1.85km long when completed and to date approximately 400m of cycleway has been constructed.
19. Wayfinding signage is under development and is planned for installation in the next few months.
20. Further promotion of the walk/cycleway is being explored through a Council/Community process. Stakeholders meet on a regular basis and have committed to keeping each other updated on events and activities that involve the walk/cycleway. Council plans to measure the use of the walk/cycleway infrastructure against the sustainable transport catchment potential of the off-road infrastructure.

Property Purchases and Covenants

21. PTS is acquiring properties for the purposes of mitigating flooding hazards and obtaining land for riparian restoration works. Progress with property acquisitions is summarised in Table 2 below. June 2010 has been placed as a deadline for completion of all acquisition negotiations in order to allow sufficient time to undertake the stream restoration works.

	Full Property Purchase	Partial Property Purchase	Conservation Covenants	TOTAL
Acquisitions Completed	66	29	14	109
Acquisitions in Progress	14	45	48	107

Table 2 - Summary of number of properties purchased by PTS and those still in negotiations.

Relationship with Manawhenua and Iwi

22. PTS consults with local iwi groups for new works programmes or proposed amendments on an as required basis.
23. The contract with Ngati Whatua o Orakei Limited for carrying out restoration works along a portion of Opanuku Stream is progressing very well. The majority of the site is now planted and weeds are maintained and under control.

PTS Sustainable Household-Sustainable Living Pilot Programme

24. Based on the success of the first stage of the pilot programme (as per the Project Twin Streams update report presented in February 2009), this programme was extended to include a further 350 households.
25. To date this programme has proved effective at engaging with traditionally hard to reach groups. It is also bringing groups of neighbours together who are identifying goals and actions for on-going involvement in sustainable living; for example composting courses, food growing, etc.
26. The effectiveness of the extended programme is currently being evaluated.

Integrated Catchment Management Plan

27. Council is undertaking planning to implement an integrated catchment management plan (ICMP) for the PTS Catchment. The ICMP is a regulatory requirement primarily for stormwater discharges within a catchment (in particular the effects of stormwater flows and quality on natural water bodies). Currently, the ICMP application is at an information gathering stage, preparatory to completing the application document.

Future Planning

28. The intention of PTS has always been to develop a community governance structure sitting outside of, but including, Council. The PTS future governance project recognises the urgency required to establish a future governance structure as:
 - funding from ARH phases out between 2010 and 2012;
 - the Auckland Council transition moves ahead; and
 - community expectations build.
29. A work programme is underway to progress the governance options. It includes discussions between the community organisations, iwi, Council and the ARC to develop preferred options and timelines. It is timely to do this alongside the regional governance planning. Once the preferred options have been developed they will be reported back to Council for approval, along with a funding plan. It is anticipated that the report will be submitted to Council in February 2010.
30. Council is currently undertaking a cost/benefit analysis on PTS. This analysis will be used to justify a case for Council to provide future funding to the project (beyond 2012, when the final ARH grant ceases) for the purposes of:
 - maintaining areas where planting has been carried out but plants have not yet established and/or are still threatened by weed reinvasions; and
 - expanding PTS works into areas which are currently not funded by ARH.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

31. PTS has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and is contributing to the implementation of the vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategies. Specific strategies which PTS strongly aligns with in particular are:

- Environment
 - Maintaining, protecting and enhancing the natural environment;
 - Enabling community care and conservation of the green network; and
 - Weed and pest management to support native biodiversity.
 - Social
 - Creating natural environments that are accessible, sustainable and promote the health and wellbeing of all people; and
 - Building strong resilient communities and developing community leadership.
 - Cultural Wellbeing
 - Supporting diverse identities and cultures to be expressed and celebrated.
 - Transport
 - Increasing walking and cycling network.
32. Several Community Outcome priorities strongly identify PTS as a project for enabling the achievement of a number of community outcome priorities. These include:
- Green Network;
 - Strong Communities;
 - Sustainable Environment;
 - Strong Economies; and
 - Waiora (Environmental Protection, Whaiora (Participation in society)).

CONSULTATION

33. Where a new works programme is proposed, or works deviate from approved plans, then consultation with one or more of the following is undertaken, dependent on the type of works:
- ARH;
 - Contracted community partners;
 - Private property owners;
 - Relevant Council unit, for example Parks Assets and Parks Planning for works carried out on public lands;
 - Local iwi; and
 - Project Twin Streams Steering Group, which includes representatives from Council, community groups, and Auckland Regional Council.

RESOURCES

34. There are no resource issues arising from this report.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

35. The property acquisition component of PTS has been accelerated to ensure that all acquisition negotiations are completed by end of June 2009. This is to ensure access to riparian sites is made available for the implementation and completion of riparian restoration works prior to ARH grants finishing in 2012.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

36. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Anil Karan: Evaluation Leader: Project Twin Streams.



16 NOTICES OF MOTION

