

**4. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF 10 DECEMBER 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 10 December meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday 10 December 2002 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, and Mike Wall.

Val Carter departed at 9.00 am and was present for clauses 1 – 3. Cheryl Colley departed at 9.25 am and was present for clauses 1 – 4. Mark Kunnen departed at 10.00 am and was present for clauses 1 – 5.4. Mike Wall assumed the Chair following the departure of the Committee Chairman.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Val Carter (for early departure), Cheryl Colley (for early departure) and Barbara Stewart.

**1. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE**

The Committee **decided** that a supplementary clause relating to the Chateau Drive Reserve be considered at this meeting for the reasons set out in the memorandum from the Community Advocate.

**2. DEPUTATION**

**2.1 Avonhead Cemetery Gum Trees**

A deputation was heard from Mr Dominic Flatley in relation to clause 3 of this report. He explained that he was speaking as a resident living adjacent to the cemetery in lot 10 in the Henridge Place subdivision and not as part of another group who had earlier made submissions. His concerns included the early loss of sunlight from his property in the summer months and the safety aspect of trees close to his boundary in the event of high winds. He commented that if a building was being discussed, rather than trees, the present height would be outside the allowable recession plane.

In referring to the plan of existing trees attached to the staff report, and the officers recommendation, Mr Flatley said he would also like to see numbers 18 or 20 and 13 removed and the situation reviewed at a later date. He expressed disappointment that lower growing specimens of trees were not to be considered as replacement planting as he felt that users of the cemetery were entitled to planting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Flatley for attending and putting his point of view.

**3. TREES – AVONHEAD CEMETERY GUM TREES**

**3.1 Avonhead Cemetery Gum Trees**

A report by the Council Arborist asked the Committee to reconsider a previous decision of the Board for the retention of the grove of gum trees, in the light of further complaints and in light of the fact that remedial thinning had not taken place since the trees were planted in the early 1980's. In order to maintain the trees in a healthy condition it was proposed to fell 18 of the closely grown and poor quality gums and retain 13 of the better quality trees. The location of the trees was shown as an accompanying plan.

Questions regarding the condition of the remaining trees were asked and members noted that they would also prefer to consider the planting for the whole park in addition to handling the present issue.

In response to questions by Committee members, the Arborist said that he was not in favour of removing the extra trees as requested by Mr Flatley, as they were the better specimens and their removal could have quite a drastic effect on the appearance and ambience of the Cemetery grounds.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the remedial felling work in the Avonhead Cemetery, as proposed in the report, be adopted by the Board.
  2. That the situation be reviewed in one year.
  3. That the need for any other tree removal, and replanting, in the Cemetery be considered during the next financial year.

A further motion that trees marked numbers 10, 13, 18 and 20 on the plan also be removed was lost on division number one by three votes to four with the voting being as follows:

For: Val Carter, Sally Buck, Mike Wall  
Against: Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen

#### 4. SURFACING OF ROADS

For information, a power point presentation was made by the Pavement Maintenance Team Leader, City Streets, on the Council's road surfacing procedures. The main points fell within the following headings: Why resurface carriageways; How are candidates selected, and What factors determine the type of surface applied.

The Committee expressed appreciation for the officer's presentation of the information.

#### 5. WAIRAKEI ROAD – SAFETY AUDIT

As requested by the Board in early 2002, the Project Consultation Leader, City Streets, reported the results of a Safety Audit recently conducted on Wairakei Road, between Stanleys Road and Aorangi Road. The full written report from the Consultant who had carried out the audit was tabled.

Issues identified in the officer's report were then discussed in detail and remedial measures decided on where appropriate:

##### 5.1 Westbound Cycle Lane Termination Stanleys Road/Wairakei Road Intersection

The continuity of the cycle lane at the western termination needed improvement. It was **agreed** that staff would be responsible for improving visibility by relocating hoardings behind the boundary.

It was further **agreed** that shoulder work was required on the cycle lane opposite and that this should be covered by maintenance.

##### 5.2 Sheffield Crescent (West)

Discussion took place on whether a No Stopping restriction be installed adjacent to the vehicle entrance to the factory opposite the intersection.

**Recommendation:** That the situation continue to be monitored in the meantime.

##### 5.3 Roydvale Avenue Roundabout

It was advised that the power poles at each corner of the intersection could not be moved back to the boundaries because of the possibility of aerial trespass over adjacent private properties.

**Recommendation:** That, as a safety measure, the City Streets Unit be asked to investigate all city roundabouts with power poles adjacent, through the budget process.

#### 5.4 Curve east of Roydvale Avenue

**Recommendation:** That the installation of an edge line on the curve from 467 Wairakei Road to the roundabout at an estimated cost of \$400 be funded from the Board's 2002/03 Discretionary Fund.

#### 5.5 100 m west of Todd Avenue to 40 m east of Breens Road

Safety on this section of Wairakei Road was a concern, and various options for improvement were considered. It was **agreed** that the configuration of the Breens Road intersection should be retained but that improved maintenance of the landscaping should ensure that there would be no restriction to drivers' vision.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the proposal to restrict access to Todd Avenue to left turn in and left turn out only be discussed with the residents.
2. That, in order to improve visibility for vehicles exiting the garage, the widening and re-marking of Wairakei Road east of the service station be considered for funding from the Board's 2003/04 Project Funding, at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

#### 5.6 Grahams Road/Wairakei Road Intersection

**Recommendation:** That the provision of right turning lanes on Grahams Road be investigated by staff and a report made back to the Board.

#### 5.7 Springbank Street to Greers Road (p. 15)

**Recommendation:** That the edge lines be moved further out adjacent to the parallel parking bay on Wairakei Road to provide a manoeuvring area for vehicles.

It was **agreed** that officers further discuss with the Principal of Wairakei School the safe provision for drop off and pick up of children outside the school, with the preference for P5 parking.

#### 5.8 Aorangi Road (p. 18)

In order to improve view lines at the intersection, it was **agreed** that staff investigate the relocation of the cycle stand.

#### 5.9 Other Issues

It was noted that, because of a number of crashes involving cyclists along this particular section of Wairakei Road, there is to be further investigation by the Pedestrian and Cycle Advocates.

The Committee noted that further investigation is to be carried out on a pedestrian count at Farrington Avenue between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.30 pm.

### 6. MCLEANS ISLAND ROAD – RUMBLE STRIPS

The Committee received a report advising receipt of a petition requesting the removal of the trial rumble strips in McLeans Island Road.

The Committee **agreed** that improvements be carried out to the signage alerting motorists to the new form of traffic control, and that a full review on the effectiveness of the rumble strips then be made in August 2003.

**Recommendation:** That a further report on this matter be prepared in August 2003.

**7. CHATEAU DRIVE RESERVE (SUPPLEMENTARY)**

Following a meeting of Parks and Waterways staff with residents a number of issues had been highlighted and possible improvements identified, for the reserve in Chateau Drive.

**Recommendation:** It was agreed that the proposal submitted to the Committee be further discussed with residents in the street.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee **decided** that its next meeting be held on Thursday 20 February 2003 at 8.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.