

12. ART GALLERY - PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON WORCESTER STREET, MONTREAL STREET AND GLOUCESTER STREET

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee to install new parking restrictions in the three streets surrounding the new Christchurch Art Gallery site.

BACKGROUND

A new art gallery is being constructed on a site on Montreal Street between Worcester Street and Gloucester Street. The Christchurch Art Gallery will replace the existing McDougall Art Gallery.

The moving of the Gallery will change the use of the site and this results in a need to alter the parking restrictions along the three street frontages, (see plan attached).

DISCUSSION

At present there is a P120 parking restriction on all the surrounding streets and these are metered spaces. A temporary bus stop has been installed in Gloucester Street while construction is underway. The bus stop will revert to P120 parking and the following adjustments are proposed for Worcester Street, Montreal Street and Gloucester Street.

- **Worcester Street**

At the Montreal/Worcester Street intersection there has been a need to remove a four metre parking bay to extend the paving of the forecourt into Worcester Street and give a visual connection from the Museum to the Art Gallery down the boulevard. There will be no parking along this area and bollards are being installed to keep vehicles out. Some of the bollards will be removable to allow access to the forecourt for special occasions.

The removal of the two vehicle cutdowns for access to the site from Worcester Street are no longer required because access is from Gloucester Street. The kerb line along here is to be rebuilt and these spaces and the adjoining parking bay will enable two P5 loading zones to be created to provide a drop off zone for visitors and loading facilities for the restaurant and gift shop.

A tram stop will also be installed at the intersection of Worcester Street and Montreal Street.

- **Montreal Street**

Montreal Street will retain the nine P120 metered parking bays extending from Worcester Street to the north. It is also proposed to place a P5 loading zone at the end of the P120 restriction prior to the traffic signals at Gloucester Street. This will reduce the length of the right turn traffic lane by six metres but will not increase the queue length at this intersection because of the longer phasing on the one-way signals through Montreal Street.

- **Gloucester Street**

The bus stop east of the entrance to the Christchurch Art Gallery carpark is to be relocated to the corner of Montreal Street. There is to be a no stopping restriction across the kerb build out to the carpark entrance and a P5 loading/drop zone created west of the entrance way next to the bus stop.

The proposed parking restrictions will provide four loading/drop off zones round the Christchurch Art Gallery site for deliveries and visitors, bus stop facilities for larger groups visiting the gallery and longer term parking for visitors.

The proposed restrictions are the result of discussions with interested parties and have the support of the Project Manager, the Parking Unit and City Streets Unit.

CONCLUSION

That the present parking restrictions in the vicinity of the new Christchurch Art Gallery on Worcester Street, Montreal Street, and Gloucester Street be revoked and those scheduled below be put in place at the end of April 2003 ready for the opening of the gallery in early May 2003.

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Recommendation:

1. That the present parking restrictions be revoked:
 - (i) On the north side of Worcester Street commencing at its intersection with Montreal Street extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 62.5 metres.
 - (ii) On the east side of Montreal Street commencing at its intersection with Worcester Street and extending to its intersection with Gloucester Street.
 - (iii) On the south side of Gloucester Street commencing at its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 97 metres.
2. That the following parking restriction be imposed on the north side of Worcester Street:
 - (i) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited, commencing at the intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
 - (ii) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 120 minutes commencing at a point 28 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 11 metres.
 - (iii) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 5 minutes at anytime commencing at a point 39 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.
 - (iv) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 5 minutes at anytime commencing at a point 51.5 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 11 metres.
 - (v) That a tram stop be installed commencing at a point 5 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street.
3. That the following parking restrictions be imposed on the east side of Montreal Street:
 - (i) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited, commencing at the intersection with Worcester Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 19.5 metres.
 - (ii) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 120 minutes commencing at a point 19.5 metres from its intersection with Worcester Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 56 metres.
 - (iii) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 5 minutes at anytime commencing at a point 75.5 metres from its intersection with Worcester Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres
 - (iv) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited, commencing at a point 81.5 meters from its intersection with Worcester Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 27 metres.
4. That the following parking restrictions be imposed on the south side of Gloucester Street:
 - (i) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited, commencing at the intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

- (ii) That a bus stop be installed commencing at a point 10 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 31 metres.
- (iii) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to 5 minutes at anytime commencing at a point 41 metres from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 7 metres
- (iv) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited, commencing at a point 48 meters from its intersection with Montreal Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 49 metres.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:**

That the above recommendation be adopted.