

8. VICTORIA STREET PETERBOROUGH STREET (WEST) IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to carry out improvements to the intersection of Victoria Street and Peterborough Street as a result of the restoration of this area following its use for construction activities at No. 52 Peterborough Street. A diagram which generally outlines the proposed works is attached to this report.

Located at this intersection is a unique area of open space. This space is a significant feature of Victoria Street's streetscape and as a result of the works carried out on the adjacent site, the opportunity has arisen to enhance the area and overcome problems with the roading layout.

The proposal is to provide for two-way travel along Peterborough Street to the south of the large plane tree. With the present temporary arrangements, Peterborough Street deviates to the north of the tree and in the original configuration the east bound lane travelled to the north of the tree and the west bound to the south. The advantages of the new proposals are as follows;

- An enlarged area of reserve and greater area of grass.
- A better junction of Peterborough Street with Victoria Street.
- Simplified and more intuitive traffic movements.
- An increase in on-street parking.
- An improvement to pedestrian movements through the area.
- The opportunity to create an income by creating an area for outdoor dining.
- Enhancement of an area which has a special character.
- The development of the reserve for its designated purpose.

This proposal has been discussed with representatives of all property owners and occupiers that are directly affected by the proposed works and there is general support for these changes. Details of the final design have yet to be finalised.

The developer of the property at No. 52 Peterborough Street is required to reinstate this area to its original condition. However, as a result of discussions with the developer there is the opportunity to further enhance the area as outlined above. He has agreed as part of the reinstatement of this area to fully fund the changes to Peterborough Street. Other funds will be required to reinstate the road as grass to the west of the reserve. This will be carried out as a maintenance item.

The crane which is presently located in Peterborough Street will be removed in May this year and the building is expected to be completed mid July 2003. The restoration or improvement works are expected to be completed at that time.

No road stopping procedures are required as the road is being relocated wholly within the road reserve and there are no restrictions on the existing traffic movements through the area. The section of existing road adjacent to the reserve, which will be relocated, is effectively becoming a pedestrian area and an extension of the reserve's function. An activity, which the area has been especially designated and classified for such activities.

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Recommendation: That the improvement works as generally proposed in the attached diagram be approved.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the above recommendation be adopted.
 2. That consultation also be undertaken with the Victoria Neighbourhood Committee and ICON.