8. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 11 NOVEMBER 2003

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 11 November 2003 meeting.

Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 November 2003 at 8.00 am in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.

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

Yiyi Ku arrived at 8.06 am and George Hampton at 8.20am.

Sally Buck retired at 9.20 am and was not present for Clauses 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 (part).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright, and from Sally Buck for early retirement.

2. KERB AND CHANNEL PRIORITISATION PROGRAMME

The Committee gave further consideration to the prioritisation of the local kerb and channel programme and Ken Stevenson was in attendance to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Harakeke Street was brought to the Committee's attention for possible re-prioritisation given that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board was proposing to have the section within its area advanced to the 2007/08 year.

After discussion it was concluded that if the Riccarton/Wigram section was undertaken in the latter part of 2007/08 and the Fendalton/Waimairi section was done at the start of 2008/09 then the street could still be completed without the need for a substitution to be made. Other substitution candidates were then considered by the Committee.

Recommendation:

That the kerb and channel programme be endorsed for referral to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee and the Council subject to the following amendments:

- a. Beverley Street from 2008/09 to 2006/07
- b. Webb Street from 2007/08 to 2006/07
- c. Hawthorne Street (Hartley to Walnut) from 2008/09 to 2007/08
- d. Hawthorne Street (Walnut to Hartley) from 2008/09 to 2007/08
- e. Andover Street (Winchester to Shrewsbury) from 2008/09 to 2007/08
- f. Andover Street (Winchester to Hewitts) from 2008/09 to 2007/08
- g. Weston Road (Papanui to Bretts) from 2007/08 to 2008/09
- h. Knowles Street (Papanui to Bretts) from 2006/07 to 2008/09

3. NO 2 GLANDOVEY ROAD – FUTURE USE

The Committee considered a report from the Community Advocate proposing the retention of the property as an enhanced streetscape area alongside the recently completed Fendalton Road project.

The matter of landscaping would be a separate later exercise for the Committee's input, if the Council endorsed the Board's views as to the future use proposed.

Recommendation: That the Board prepare a registration of interest based on the above proposal.

4. AVONHEAD PARK – ENHANCEMENTS AND TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT STRATEGY

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on the feedback received from residents on the enhancement options for Avonhead Park. The proposed design incorporated a sealed walkway along the eastern boundary, a tennis court and basketball half court located adjacent to the toilet block and kindergarten and further landscaping with a blend of exotic and native plantings to enhance the new facilities. Due to funding constraints a full perimeter walkway would need to be staged over successive years.

The Committee suggested that, as part of the consultation process, the perimeter walkway be shown as being widened to accommodate a range of user groups.

Reservations were expressed about the extent of existing evergreen plantings around the basketball half court and carpark, which could constitute a "stranger danger". The plantings should ideally reflect a mix of planting types.

A strategy for consultation on tree replacement and maintenance was also reported on. The proposal is for the removal of closely grown, diseased and poor quality trees to provide growing space for all remaining trees, which will be pruned to reduce failure rates and damage due to "sudden exposure". This will also help to reduce the shading effect on neighbouring properties in Chesterfield Mews and Karnak Crescent.

Recommendations: 1. That the proposal for the enhancement of Avonhead Park be approved for further consultation as a prelude to final approval by the Board.

- 2. That a request for funding of the perimeter walkway of \$140,000 in year six of the Parks and Waterways Capital Projects budget, be endorsed.
- 3. That the tree replacement strategy be approved for consultation in conjunction with the proposed Avonhead Park enhancements.

5. ROYDS STREET – PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report on the initial consultation with local residents on the proposed kerb and channel renewal in Royds Street.

A second meeting with residents will be organised in November to discuss the two proposals put forward by the Project Team. Both proposals may impact on the street trees and therefore have yet to be finalised.

The Parks and Waterways Advocate expressed concerns about the sensitivity of the street trees and indicated that an Arborist would need to be on site during the contract to oversee the well being of the trees.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

(Note: Val Carter declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the discussion and voting thereon and Mike Wall assumed the Chair.)

6. MCLEANS ISLAND ROAD – RUMBLE STRIPS - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report from the City Streets Unit on the performance of the rumble strips installed in McLeans Island Road in July 2002.

The Consultation Leader advised that the results obtained to date were still inconclusive due to the short length of time the rumble strips have been in operation and recommended an extension of the trial period.

The Committee discussed various aspects of the design and configuration of the existing humps.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the trial period be extended to June 2004 and that a report on the effectiveness of the rumble strips be submitted to the Board in August 2004.
 - 2. That, during this time extension, other design options be evaluated and an audit of the existing scheme be undertaken and the results reported to the Board.

7. 2004 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee **decided** on its meeting programme for 2004 as follows:

Tuesday 17 February at 8.00 am Tuesday 16 March at 8.00 am Wednesday 14 April at 8.00 am Tuesday 18 May at 8.00 am Tuesday 22 June at 8.00 am Tuesday 20 July at 8.00 am Tuesday 17 August at 8.00 am Tuesday 14 September at 8.00 am

8. PROPOSED CHANGES TO SPEED LIMITS

The Committee considered a report from the City Streets Unit on the consultation process for establishing new speed limits on roads within the city and the procedures necessary for amending the Council's Traffic and Parking Bylaw to create the new speed limits.

Recommendation: That the recommended change to the speed limit on Watsons Road be supported.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 am.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.