

## 9. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY – 19 AUGUST 2003

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following report and recommendations for the Board's consideration:

### **Report of the Environment and Traffic Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 19 August 2003 at 11.30am in the Boardroom, Linwood Service Centre.**

**Present:** Yani Johanson (Chair), Linda Rutland and Bob Todd

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Anna Crighton, John Freeman and Rod Cameron

#### 9.1 BRIDLE PATH ROAD BUS STOP

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to shift the bus stop outside the Heathcote Valley School as shown on the attached plan.

The Board of Trustees of Heathcote Valley School through the principal has requested that a bus stop located between the two pedestrian entrances on Bridle Path Road outside the school be moved further down the road towards Rollin Street. This will better utilise the area for parents to drop off and pick up children at the school. The proposed shift places the bus stop on the other side of a kerb build out, which was installed to facilitate the safer crossing of the road by pedestrians.

The shifting of the bus stop will assist the school and will not impact on any residential properties along Bridle Path Road.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve the following bus stop changes:

1. That the 'bus stop' on the west side of Bridle Path Road commencing at a point 113 metres from its intersection with Rollin Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 17 metres be revoked.
2. That a 'bus stop' be installed on the west side of Bridle Path Road commencing at a point 70.5 metres from its intersection with Rollin Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.

#### **Working Party**

**Recommendation:** That the recommendations be adopted.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the recommendations be adopted.

#### 9.2 LANDSCAPE UPGRADE AT THE CORNER OF WALTHAM ROAD AND MOORHOUSE AVENUE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the landscape upgrade at the corner of Waltham Road and Moorhouse Avenue.

At the 6 August 2003 meeting, the Board received a report from Weng Kei Chen (Asset Policy Engineer, City Streets) on this topic. At that meeting the Board requested that the landscape upgrade plan be amended to show how heritage aspects of the site would be addressed and that an arborist's report be provided to the Environment and Traffic Working Party showing options for retaining/removing the pine trees on the site.

At the Board meeting, the Board felt there was urgency to take this topic to the Environment and Traffic Working Party with Power to Act in order to meet August tree planting deadlines. The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate has advised that "*within reason, tree planting can take place from containers at any time as long as there is a watering schedule.*" There was therefore no urgency for this decision to be made by the Working Party at its August meeting, and instead a decision can be made by the Board.

Dennis Preston (Team Leader – Landscape, City Solutions Unit) attended the Working Party meeting to address the Working Party on heritage aspects and other issues raised by the Working Party.

In response to the Board's request for an arborist's report, Tim Rillstone from the Parks and Waterways Unit has advised that the reasons behind his decision to support the removal of the pine trees are as follows:

1. *The trees to be retained are of good enough form that if they are allowed to develop into mature specimens they will require some adjacent trees to be removed now to prevent further and irreparable deforming of their crowns.*
2. *The trees to be removed have poor form and structure with the likelihood of a major branch failure which has the potential to be catastrophic in such a high profile site.*
3. *Considering paragraph 1 above and the need for the site to be opened up to improve security, the removals would overall enhance the area.*

Dennis Preston informed the Working Party that Jenny May (Senior Heritage Planner) had collated some heritage information relating to the site.

Landscape details to be considered in the plan include:

1. Heritage gas lamp
2. Heritage seating
3. Heritage mural on back fence
4. Changed tree species

Weng Kei Chen (Asset Policy Engineer) cautioned the Working Party that there is limited funding to carry out major development and that the neighbour's agreement to meet some of the landscaping costs could be compromised by any lengthy delay.

#### **Working Party**

**Recommendation:** That the Working Party members meet with Council staff on site on Wednesday 27 August 2003 with a view to presenting an updated landscape plan at the Board meeting.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

### 9.3 **CORRESPONDENCE – SUMNER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Working Party considered a letter from the Sumner Rugby Football Club registering its support for a proposal from Councillor David Cox to use the area within the flood detention basin at Barnett Park for the provision of sports fields.

A copy of the letter and comments from the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate are attached. Letters of support sent to Councillor Cox from a further five organisations were tabled at the meeting.

#### **Working Party**

**Recommendation:**

1. That a letter be sent to the Sumner Rugby Football Club (copied to the other five organisations) stating that the Board:
  - (a) Is aware of the lack of sports fields in the area.
  - (b) Anticipates that this shortage will be addressed when the sports fields in the proposed Heathcote Valley plan are established and that once these fields are operational the Board may be in a more favourable position to re-evaluate the need for further sports grounds in the area

2. That the Board consider making submissions to the Heathcote Valley proposals regarding the provision of additional sports fields.

**Chairperson's  
Recommendation:**

That the recommendations be adopted.