

9. **THOMSON PARK - REMOVAL OF CONIFERS AND REPLACEMENT PLANTING** RR 7922

The Parks Manager reported, seeking the Committee's approval to remove the pine and macrocarpa trees from the northern and eastern boundaries of Thomson Park and to undertake replacement planting in accordance with the landscape plan.

The Parks Manager recommended the removal of the conifers for three reasons, namely to encourage better use of the park's facilities, to improve the park's amenity along Marine Parade and to address health and safety issues.

The Parks Manager confirmed that the proposal had been extensively advertised by way of articles in the local community newspapers and in residents' association newsletters. As well, a public information leaflet had been distributed to over 2,000 households in the area surrounding the park.

Despite this extensive campaign a significant number of local residents were unaware of the proposal.

In light of this the Committee **resolved**:

1. That the removal of the pine trees and macrocarpa trees on the northern and eastern boundaries of Thomson Park be delayed.
2. That the report and landscape plan be referred back to the Community Board for further public consultation.
3. That consideration be given to staging the implementation of the landscape plan.