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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
22 SEPTEMBER 1999**

**A special meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
was held on Wednesday 22 September 1999 at 4.00 pm**

PRESENT: Oscar Alpers (Chairman),
Carole Anderton, Lynda Carter, Philip Clearwater,
Barry Corbett, Sonia Gill, Ian Howell,
Elizabeth Maunsell and Sue Wells.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from
Lynda Carter.

Barry Corbett retired from the meeting at 7.25pm.

The Board reports that:

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. SPREYDON LIBRARY

The main purpose of the meeting was to allow the Board to decide on which options to provide to the public for consultation regarding the future location of the Spreydon Library.

The Chairman outlined the Board's role which was to determine the consultation process and the options on which to consult with. It was agreed that a public meeting would then be held for further input from residents. The Board would then meet again to decide on its recommendations to a number of standing committees, and ultimately the full Council on 28 October 1999.

The Board received further information on options for the Spreydon Library with respect to:

- Pedestrian safety issues
- Planning issues
- Parks (re)classification
- Architectural merit of existing library

The Board considered the merits of the options provided with a view to selecting a limited number/range of issues for consultation with the Spreydon-Heathcote community.

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Simon Markham, Director of Information, provided the Board with background information, referring to overhead material. It was noted that the Strategy & Resources Committee would not be in a position to say what the limit of spending would be until it obtained an understanding of the issues and made a comparison with the budget. Angus Smith, Property Projects Manager, provided advice from a property management perspective.

Tony Penny, independent traffic consultant, outlined a traffic impact assessment report detailing the advantages and disadvantages relating to each of the options provided.

Sean Elvines, Senior Planner, provided an oral report on the implications of the *transitional* Plan issues and *proposed* Plan issues, and the differing requirements relating to each option.

Walter Fielding-Cotterell, Arboriculturist, and Chris Freeman, Management Planning Officer, provided an overview from a Parks Unit perspective, advising that the weeping trees were a unique, rare collection, and are irreplaceable. Some might be re-locatable with possibly a 50% chance of survival. Four of the best notable trees were affected in option 1, and there were also 15 other significant trees that would be removed if this option was chosen.

Sue Sutherland, Libraries Manager, advised that wherever the service was delivered from, it should be in the vicinity of other amenities (i.e. shops). Therefore, locating away from the established area was not advantageous for library users. It was possible to deliver from Barrington Mall (at a cost), but this would be more of a medium term solution rather than long term. Leasing would be preferable to purchasing.

The Board **decided** that an independent consultant be employed to lead the consultation process and facilitate the public meeting, and it was agreed that Maurice McGregor be asked to undertake this role.

The Board agreed to consult with the public on the following options:

Option 1 (option 4 in handout material)

Move to Barrington Mall under lease/purchase.

Option 2 (option 2 in handout material)

New single level library at rear of current site - realigned park boundary as required, two unique trees relocated and one lost.

(Carole Anderton recorded her vote against this option.)

Option 3 (not previously listed as an option)

Ask for other contributions from the public.

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A draft information leaflet would be provided to Board members prior to a public meeting tentatively booked to be held at the Cashmere Club on 11 October 1999 at 7.00 p.m. All possible interest groups/stakeholders would be identified (i.e. schools - including points of view of children; tree lovers; parents; library users, etc.).

2. CONDOLENCES

The Board **decided** to convey its sincere condolences to Lynda Carter on the loss of her son.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1999

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CHAIRMAN**