



### 3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

#### (a) Shirley Primary School

Grant McMillan, Principal at Shirley Primary School, and Frances Adank, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, spoke about the school's desire to become a more active part of the neighbourhood. Since his recent appointment, Grant McMillan said he had been collecting data and reviewing the school's services to its community. While there were a few issues to address, eg the driveways, he believed the school should act as a community asset, not just a facility. Before making recommendations to the Board of Trustees he wished to initiate discussions with the Board to find ways of working together.

Frances Adank said that skateboarders currently used the school grounds out of school hours and there had been no major problems with vandalism or tagging, but ideas where improvements could be made would be welcomed.

The Chairperson welcomed the new Principal, the positive ideas and the opportunity for a constructive partnership. It was agreed that the Community Advocate visit the school in the near future and initiate discussions.

#### (b) Bellvue Avenue

Bill Bothwell and Colin Grace of Bellvue Avenue attended on behalf of affected residents to speak about the proposal to purchase the property in Bellvue Avenue for stream enhancement purposes (refer clause 16 of this report).

A written submission was tabled and read. Residents had some concerns relating to security of their properties, fencing and apprehension about what the Council was planning for the area. In commending the Council for water enhancement works in other areas, the necessity for the property purchase and widening of Dudley Creek in this particular area was questioned.

#### (c) Property in Shirley Road

Ralph Ross representing the Shirley Residents' Group spoke about the historic building at 8 Shirley Road, a site under application for commercial development on the Hills/Shirley Roads corner. He said that too much history was being lost in the city and sought ways to preserve the heritage of this particular building, although it did not have a Historic Places Trust classification. Suggestions were the relocation of the building and the placement of a plaque on its current site.

The Board **decided** that staff discuss the issues with the Residents' Group.