

## 8. REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: 20 JULY 2004

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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 Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2004 at 9.30am in the Boardroom, Linwood Service Centre.**

**Present:** Yani Johanson (Chair), Rod Cameron, Linda Rutland, Bob Todd.  
Anna Crighton, David Cox and Shirley Fairhall for clauses 8.4 and 8.5.  
Rod Cameron arrived at 10.20am and was absent for clauses 8.1 and 8.2.  
Anna Crighton departed at 11.10am and was absent for clause 8.5 and part of clause 8.4.  
Linda Rutland departed at 11.10am and was absent for clause 8.5 and part of clause 8.4.  
David Cox was absent for part of clause 8.5.

#### 8.1 DEPUTATION: WENDY SISSON, CATS UNLOVED

Wendy Sisson from Cats Unloved addressed the Committee about the number of wild and abandoned cats in the Hagley and Ferrymead wards. Mrs Sisson submitted that Cats Unloved has removed cats from a number of properties, including 45 cats from a single property.

It was suggested that the Committee obtain information from Council staff about:

1. whether an existing bylaw regulates the number and existence of wild/abandoned/feral cats;
2. enforcement of any such bylaw;
3. the context of the feral cat problem city wide; and
4. whether any monitoring of the situation is carried out.

#### **Committee**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee recommendation be adopted.

#### 8.2 TREES IN THE VICINITY OF THE SUMNER LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE BUILDINGS

<b>Officer responsible</b> Greenspace Manager	<b>Author</b> Warwick Scadden, Parks & Waterways Area Advocate, DDI 941-6614
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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to remove one of the cypress trees which are growing in the vicinity of the Sumner Lifeboat Institute buildings.

#### **BACKGROUND**

A request has been received from Mr Murray Johnson, President of the Sumner Lifeboat Institute to have two trees removed in the vicinity of the Institute's headquarters.

Both trees are cypress (cupressus macrocarpa) and while one is close to the building, the second tree is approximately 40 metres to the east of the building. The Institute is concerned that one of the trees could fall, damaging the building, while with the second tree, the problem of cormorants roosting in the trees and defecating on the building is causing unsightly damage.

#### **ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT**

An arborist's assessment has been requested and this is attached together with a plan showing the location of the trees and a photograph taken from Scarborough Road of the two trees.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The work recommended in the arborist's report would be funded from the operational maintenance code for trees.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee recommend to the Board:

1. That the smaller cypress, situated close to the Sumner Lifeboat Institute building be removed and that the tree be replaced by an appropriate selection of plants better suited to the site.
2. That the larger tree be retained but pruning be undertaken to remove all dead wood and that the tree be reassessed within one year to monitor the health of the canopy and the site conditions.
3. That the Sumner Lifeboat Institute and immediate neighbours be advised of the proposed work.

#### **Committee**

**Recommendation:** That the Board defer its decision on whether or not to remove the smaller cyprus to allow for:

1. consultation with affected parties and residents; and
2. further information to be presented to the Board on the affect that removing the tree will have on bird habitats in the area.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee's recommendations be adopted.

### **8.3 CELEBRATION CENTRE LIONS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB: CUTHBERTS GREEN**

<b>Officer responsible</b> Greenspace Manager	<b>Author</b> Warwick Scadden, Parks & Waterways Area Advocate, DDI 941-6614
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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's support for the Celebration Centre Lions Rugby League Club's application to install three new 14 metre masts with attached lights. These lights will provide for evening training on the rugby league ground located on the north east corner of the park. This ground is adjacent to the sewage treatment plant. The intended installations are detailed on the attached plan.

#### **RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY**

The Greenspace Manager has delegated authority from the Council (23 October 1996) to approve applications for floodlights on sports grounds, subject to the necessary Resource Consent being obtained and consultation with the appropriate Community Board.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL**

The applicant indicates that the reason for the application is to provide lighting to serve the training needs of players.

The proposed positioning of the masts and aiming patterns are detailed under appendices 2 and 3 attached.

## **HISTORY OF THE CLUB**

The Celebration Centre Lions Rugby Club is the most recent rugby league club in the Canterbury competition with premier status. The Celebration Centre has been playing for the last eight years, initially on a social basis, and for the last three in the Canterbury Rugby League competition.

Currently, the club has three senior teams with approximately 100 senior players signed as playing members of the club. The objective for 2005 is to have six senior teams in the competition. This will consist of:

- 1 premier team
- 2 premier reserve teams
- 2 second division teams
- 1 presidents grade team

This will represent the strongest rugby league senior club in the South Island.

## **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The issues which have been considered are as follows:

- the height of the poles and appearance
- the effect of glare and who will be affected
- noise

### **The height of poles and appearance**

The proposal has been assessed through the resource consent application process. The assessing planner considers that the proposal is an appropriate development of the park and is suitable in regard to height and location. The nearest residence is more than 400 metres away.

### **The effect of glare**

Advice received from the planner is that the proposal will comply with the glare requirements of the transitional and proposed city plans.

### **Noise**

No potential noise problems associated with vehicle movements by park users have been raised by the assessing planner.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No expense will be incurred by the Council.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate has been in close contact with the club and is comfortable with the current proposal. It is acknowledged that the club has a need for adequate training facilities and the application is well justified.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the application be endorsed subject to the following conditions:

1. The poles be powdercoated or painted a flax green colour, eg Resene 12B 21 (B.S. 5252 (1976) colour range).
2. The applicant obtaining, and paying for, the necessary building consent before commencing installation of the lighting system in the park.
3. The applicant or contractor being responsible for obtaining plans of all services presently laid underground in the park (electricity, telephone, sewerage, storm water, high pressure water supply and irrigation).

4. The applicant being required to deposit scaled plans showing the pole and cable layout in the park, as built, within two months of the work being completed.
5. The applicant being responsible for all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the lighting system.
6. The applicant being responsible for ensuring that the lighting system is maintained in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
7. That the lights are not operated after 10.00pm.
8. That a bond of \$2,000 be paid by the Celebration Centre Lions Rugby League Club or successful principal contractor to the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate, Linwood Service Centre before work commences on the site. The bond, less any expenses incurred by the Council, to be refunded to the payee on completion of the work.
9. That the area be restored to its previous condition following completion of the work. The bond, less any expenses incurred by the Council, to be refunded after the "as built" plan has been lodged with the Council and any necessary restoration work has been completed.
10. That the approval lapse if the development is not completed within two years of application.

**Committee**

**Recommendation:**

That the Board endorse the application subject to the following conditions and consultation with affected parties:

1. The poles be powdercoated or painted a flax green colour, eg Resene 12B 21 (B.S. 5252 (1976) colour range).
2. The applicant obtaining, and paying for, the necessary building consent before commencing installation of the lighting system in the park.
3. The applicant or contractor being responsible for obtaining plans of all services presently laid underground in the park (electricity, telephone, sewerage, storm water, high pressure water supply and irrigation).
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9. That the area be restored to its previous condition following completion of the work. The bond, less any expenses incurred by the Council, to be refunded after the "as built" plan has been lodged with the Council and any necessary restoration work has been completed.
10. That the approval lapse if the development is not completed within two years of application.
11. That noise attenuation measures be installed, for example, buffer screens.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee's recommendations be adopted.

**8.4 REVISED DRAFT CITYWIDE PLANTING STRATEGY: SUBMISSIONS**

At its 7 July 2004 meeting, the Board resolved to give the Committee power to act to give feedback on behalf of the Board on the revised Draft Citywide Planting Strategy.

The Committee considered this document, reviewing the contents on a detailed basis. Various items were identified for comment by the Committee and inclusion in the Board's feedback.

**Committee**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

**8.5 DRAFT BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY: SUBMISSIONS**

At its 7 July 2004 meeting, the Board resolved to give the Committee power to act to give feedback on behalf of the Board on the Draft Biodiversity Strategy.

The Committee considered this document, reviewing the contents on a detailed basis. Various items were identified for comment by the Committee and inclusion in the Board's feedback.

**Committee**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee's recommendation be adopted.