

11. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board of options and costs for Christmas decorations as requested at its meeting of 5 September 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Tony Walker, Manager of Connetics Lighting Division has investigated options for upgrading or placement of new Christmas lights/decorations in the Board's area. Seven sites have been considered, five of which were identified by the Board. The seven sites are as follows:
 - (a) Cashmere Road – opposite Coffee Culture (Johnny Martin's tree)
 - (b) Barrington Street – lamp post lighting east side, frontage of Barrington Park
 - (c) Selwyn Street shops (new)
 - (d) Rowley Avenue shops – upgrade existing
 - (e) Waltham Pool Vicinity – upgrade existing
 - (f) Church Square tree
 - (g) Cashmere Road/Valley Road tree
3. Available funding will provide for options (d) and (e) or either option (f) or (g). Additional funding is required to permit the other sites to be lit. Options (a), (b) and (c) would not be able to be completed for this Christmas season.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has \$3,000 available in its 2006/07 budget for Christmas decorations.
5. Additional funding for Christmas decorations may be available from the Board's discretionary funds.

BACKGROUND ON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

6. Tony Walker, Manager of Connetics Lighting Division, met with Board members on 10 July 2006 and presented a report of options for Christmas lighting.
7. At its meeting on 5 September 2006 the Board requested staff to report on the feasibility and indicative costs for Christmas lighting at the following sites:
 - Cashmere Road – opposite Coffee Culture (Johnny Martin's tree)
 - Barrington Street – lamp post lighting east side, frontage of Barrington Park
 - Selwyn Street shops (new)
 - Rowley Avenue shops – upgrade existing
 - Waltham Pool Vicinity – upgrade existing

ESTIMATED COSTS

8. The following estimates have been prepared for the options identified above:

Location	Estimate	Comment
Cashmere Road	\$9,000*	2 up-lights. Includes \$1,500 for design and approvals
Barrington Street	\$6,000	Installation of decorations with bud-lights on 3 poles. Annual and maintenance costs extra.
Selwyn Street shops	\$8,000	Installation of decorations with bud-lights on 4 poles. Annual and maintenance costs extra.
Rowley Avenue shops	\$1,500	Replacement of existing lights with red and green lamps
Waltham Pool		

* The estimated cost for Cashmere Road is a rough estimate only. A more accurate estimate is dependent on preliminary design being undertaken.

9. The following costs are currently incurred each year:

Location	Estimate	Comment
Church Square tree	\$5,000 p.a.	Festoons of mixed colour lamps installed in trees (150 lamps – Church Square; 80 lamps – Cashmere/Valley). Erected and removed each year.
Cashmere Road/Valley Road tree		

10. The lighting in Cashmere Road, Barrington and Selwyn Streets would not be able to be completed by this Christmas.

OPTIONS

11. The available budget of \$3,000 will permit the following options to be completed for this Christmas season:

Location	Estimate	Comment
Rowley Avenue shops	\$1,500	Replacement of existing lights with red and green lamps
Waltham Pool		

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Advise which options are to be pursued this year with the available funding;
- (b) Recommend options to be pursued in future years.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.