

Christchurch City Council

RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2007

AT 8.30 AM

HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, SOCKBURN SERVICE CENTRE, 149 MAIN SOUTH ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH

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1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence has been received from Lesley Keast.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MEETING REPORTS – 14 & 27 AUGUST 2007

The reports of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board meeting of 14 August 2007 and the extraordinary meeting of 27 August 2007 have been separately circulated to members.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

- 4. BRIEFINGS
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE
- 6. PETITIONS
- 7. NOTICES OF MOTION

8. REQUEST TO FUND A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TEEN PARENT UNIT AT HORNBY HIGH SCHOOL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534	
Officer responsible:	Catherine McDonald, Community Support Unit	
Author:	Denise Galloway, Community Development Adviser	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$5,000 from the Community Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of contracting an independent professional to write an application to the Ministry of Education related to the need for a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. On 29 March 2006 over fifty people attended a forum called 'What's happening for Young People in Hornby?" The forum was open to parents, professionals and community representatives associated with young people aged 13-17 years. The invitation to attend was generated by the Child, Youth and Family Justice staff based at Hornby Heartlands Centre. The forum worked through several structured small group-work exercises to identify service gaps and potential actions to enhance services for youth.
- 3. One of the gaps identified was a school for young parents servicing the West Christchurch/Selwyn district. A feasibility study, funded by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board in February 2007, scoped the need for a Teen Parent Unit based at Hornby High School. The feasibility study clearly indicated a need for a Teen Parent Unit as well as a purpose built early childcare centre for the children of the young parents and the local community. The executive summary of the feasibility report is attached as **Attachment 1**.
- 4. Researcher Sarah Wylie presented the findings of the feasibility study on 29 June 2007 to key organisations and other stakeholders. This was well attended by 40 invited guests, which included members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, Ruth Dyson and Jim Anderton. Everybody present was very supportive of establishing a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School to serve West Christchurch/Selwyn.
- 5. The working party, chaired by Andy Kai Fong, Principal of Hornby High School, was informed by Leo Trompetter (Student Support, Wellington, Ministry of Education), that a written application, containing specific information, was required by the Ministry of Education before the Ministry could give its support to the establishment of a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School. Leo Trompetter provided guidelines for the content of the application. (See letter attached as **Attachment 2**).
- 6. The working party seeks funding from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for funding towards contracting a professional person who has the knowledge, expertise and skills in writing official applications. The working party believe that the quality of this document is crucial to the acceptance by the Ministry of Education of establishing a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School. **Attachment 3** is a proposal including the fee for writing this application to the Ministry.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no legal considerations. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board currently has \$56,300 in Discretionary Funds. The fee for writing the application is \$5,000.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal considerations.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

- 11. Aligns with page 56 LTCCP, a broad range of learning opportunities is available in Christchurch.
- Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?
- 12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Strengthening Communities Strategy and Youth Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Yes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board agree to allocate \$5,000 from the Board's 2007/08 Discretionary Fund towards the cost of contracting a professional person to write an application to the Ministry of Education for a Teen Parent Unit to be established at Hornby High School.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

- 16. Teen Parent Units provide the opportunity for second chance education for teens that have to opt out of their schooling early due to pregnancy and parenthood. There are now a significant amount of these established around the country. In the South Island there is one in Dunedin and two in Canterbury. The Teen Parent Units in Canterbury are both based at High Schools. Kimihia Learning Centre is at Linwood College and has been operating for one year and Karanga Mai Young Parent's College Unit is based at Kaiapoi High School and has been operating for 10 years.
- 17. On 29 March 2006 over fifty people attended a forum called 'What's Happening for Young People in Hornby?" at St Aidens Church in Hei Hei. The forum was open to parents, professionals and community representatives associated with young people aged 13-17 years. The invitation to attend was generated by the Child, Youth and Family Justice staff based at Hornby Heartlands Centre. The forum worked through several structured small group-work exercises to identify service gaps and potential actions to enhance services for young people.

- 18. One of the gaps identified was a school for young parents in the Hornby area. A working party was established to look at this issue, and met several times during 2007. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board granted \$7,600 from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Funds towards the contracting of an independent researcher, Sarah Wylie, to write a feasibility report on the need for a Teen Parent Unit based at Hornby High School to service the needs of teen parents in the West Christchurch/ Selwyn area.
- 19. Sarah Wylie presented the outcomes of her research on 29 June 2007 at Hornby High School to a group of forty invited guests, including members of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, Ruth Dyson and Jim Anderton. Two teen parents spoke of the positive experiences they had had at other teen parent units in the city.
- 20. The feasibility study clearly indicated that there was a need for a teen parent unit. It also stated that an on sight early childcare centre, which would also service the local community, was a preferred option of care for the children of the teen parents who were attending the unit. The establishment of a teen parent unit based at Hornby High School was well supported by all those who attended the presentation.
- 21. According to a letter sent to Andy Kai Fong on the 02 July 2007, by Leo Trompetter, from Student Support Wellington, the Ministry of Education is committed to making education for teen parents more accessible and flexible so that it better meets their specific needs. Guidelines were also stated in the same letter to help the working party make a successful application to the Ministry of Education. The guidelines provide information about the following areas that need to be covered in the application; financial information, legislation, justification and eligibility, community support, early childcare education requirements, location and transport issues, management agreement and role definitions, support and impact on other teen parent units, and finally the roll. The application also needs to show how the ongoing viability of the Teen Parent Unit will be assured.
- 22. The Principal and other members of the working party can access some of this information. However the working party believes that in order to submit a document that is acceptable to the Ministry of Education as soon as possible, it would be more strategic to contract a professional person who has the expertise and experience in writing applications to Government Departments. The working party believe that the quality of this application will influence the decision as to whether the Ministry approves the establishment of a teen parent unit at Hornby High School. The working party have identified a suitable person to take on this task who they consider has the ability and experience to produce a successful application. A proposal is attached and includes a draft of the content of the application to the Ministry of Education as well as the fee for service. The working party also consider it is important to commence writing the application as soon as possible in order for it to be completed and sent to the Ministry of Education.

THE OBJECTIVES

23. Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Objectives (2006-09), Board Objective 11 Contribution to increased social well-being in Riccarton/Wigram area.

THE OPTIONS

Option 1

24. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agrees to grant \$5,000 towards contracting a professional person to write an application to the Ministry of Education for the establishment of a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

Option 2

25. Riccarton/Wigram Community Board decline the request for a grant towards the contracting of a professional person to write an application to the Ministry of Education for the establishment of a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

PREFERRED OPTION

26. The preferred option is for the Community Board to grant the amount of \$5,000 towards the writing of an application to the Ministry of Education for the establishment of a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School. Educational or second chance opportunities for young parents are a key contributor towards breaking the poverty cycle which young parents are often caught in. It is important that the application to the Ministry of Education contains all relevant information and is presented in a professional manner. The standard of the application will be a significant factor in persuading the Ministry of Education to approve the establishment of a Teen Parent Unit at Hornby High School.

9. BLENHEIM ROAD DEVIATION - FOSTER STREET ROAD STOPPING

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment Jane Parfitt-, DDI 941-8656	
Officer responsible:	Michael Aitken, Unit Manager Transport and Greenspace	
Author:	Bill Morgan Property Consultant.	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council to resolve to stop, pursuant to Section 116(1) of the Public Works Act 1981, part of Foster Street and to amalgamate the land with the adjoining title.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Council on 14 December 2000 resolved to proceed with the development of the Blenheim Road Deviation. In doing so it approved the purchase of the required properties as well as authorising the subsequent stopping and subsequent sale of several parcels of road which would become redundant following the completion of the road.
- 3. To facilitate the construction of the new intersection at the junction of Foster / Mandeville Streets and Blenheim Road it was necessary to acquire part of the former BP garage site from Ngai Tahu Properties Limited for road. It was also necessary to create a new entrance way to the Tower Junction shopping centre. As a consequence of these alterations part of Foster Street became redundant to requirements and was closed to traffic (the land concerned is depicted as Section 1 on the **attached** survey office plan 389042). The agreement reached with Ngai Tahu Properties Limited provided that in return for the land required for road from the BP site (shown as parcels 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the attached office survey plan), the portion of Foster Street when stopped would be amalgamated with its adjoining title.
- 4. With the opening of the deviation to traffic and the completion of the intersection it is now in order to legally stop the road and amalgamate it with adjoining title.
- 5. The Council as owner of the land needs to formally resolve to stop the road.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of the land required for the road from the BP site (\$88,888 plus GST) was allowed for within the overall project cost as was the sale of the stopped road (\$67,500 plus GST). The net cost to the Council of \$21,388 has been provided for and is covered within the current budget and project costs.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. As indicated above the net cost to the Council has been allowed for within the budget.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8. Given there are no other parties affected by the road stopping coupled with the fact there were no objections received during the designation process it is intended to proceed with the stopping by way of consent under the Public Works Act 1981. Section 116 of the Public Works Act 1981 provides:
 - (a) "Subject to the written consent of the territorial authority and the owner of the land adjoining the road then the road can be declared formally stopped by notice in the gazette."
 - (b) As the consent of Ngai Tahu Properties Limited has been obtained this requirement has been complied with.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. Given this matter was considered during the designation process and that no objections were received to the proposal and as there are no other effected parties there are no legal issues that could prevent the Council from proceeding with the stopping. However, as there are a number of services laid within the road there will be a need to protect these by way of easements following the stopping and prior to the disposal of the land to the adjoining owner.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The proposal aligns with the general provisions of the LTCCP and Management Plans.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. The recommendation complies with page 152 of the LTCCP to provide public street frontage to properties.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The proposal supports the Christchurch Road Safety Strategy and Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Statement.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes as above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Full consultation was undertaken as part of the designation process and no objections were received.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board recommend that the Council resolve as follows:

- (a) That pursuant to section 116(1), 117(3) (b), 120(3) of the Public Works Act 1981, the Council hereby resolve to stop that parcel of road shown as Section 1 on Survey Office Plan 389042 containing 26m² and to amalgamate that parcel with the adjoining property comprised in Certificate of Title 813/69.
- (b) That the Council certifies that it considers it equitable to vest road described above when stopped, in Ngai Tahu Properties Limited, being the adjoining owner.

10. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – STACEY ELIZABETH McKAY

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8534	
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports Unit	
Author:	Lisa Gregory, Community Recreation Adviser	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The applicant, Stacey McKay, is an 18 year old who lives in Riccarton and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Dunedin, for the 2007 Ice Hockey Championships with the Canterbury Women's Team. The trip will take place from 31 August 2 September 2007.
- 3. Stacey has played ice hockey for five years and has also excelled in other sports such as softball and soccer. Stacey is currently a member of the Canterbury Women's team and has previously been selected as a squad member for the New Zealand Women's team training for the World Championships.
- 4. Stacey is currently studying at CPIT and Open Polytech and recently has had to decrease her work hours to meet the demands of her education and sport. Unfortunately, this decrease in work hours has meant Stacey's sporting trips have been harder to finance. Stacey will continue to fundraise until her trip and she would appreciate any financial assistance from the community board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

STACEY ELIZABETH MCKAY	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Travel	50
Accommodation & Meals	100
Uniform	130
Training costs	200
Total Cost	\$480
Athlete fundraising to date	50
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$250

6. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for financial support.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. Yes, see page 172, Youth Development Scheme and Discretionary Fund.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board support the application and allocate \$200 to Stacey Elizabeth McKay for her travel, uniform and accommodation expenses from the 2007/08 Youth Development Fund.

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11. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Board Members will have an opportunity to provide updates on community activities/Council issues.

12. COMMUNITY BOARD PRINCIPAL ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Community Board Principal Adviser will update the Board on current issues.

13. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS