8. WILDBERRY STREET/HOPKINS STREET - PROPOSED "NO STOPPING" RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install broken yellow "no stopping" lines on the Wildberry Street/Hopkins Street intersection (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Council has received complaints from road users regarding safety issues at the Hopkins Street/Wildberry Street intersection. Concerns have been raised regarding the presence of vehicles parked on the north west and south east sides of Hopkins Street in the immediate vicinity of the Wildberry Street intersection.
- 3. Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding Hopkins Street being used as a through route from Ferry Road to Brougham Street via Mackenzie Avenue and Richardson Terrace to avoid controlled intersections at Ensors Road or Radley Street. Wildberry Street and Hopkins Street are both classified as "local" roads in the City Plan with a speed limit of 50 kph. However, observations have revealed operating speeds in excess of 60 kph on Hopkins Street between Ferry Road and the Wildberry Street/Hopkins Street intersection. Currently Give Way signs are in place against Wildberry Street at the Hopkins Street intersection.
- 4. An examination of crash data reveals that five crashes have been reported at this intersection in the last five years with three of these occurring in the last three months to October 2006.
- 5. To improve road safety and visibility for road users it is proposed that broken yellow "no stopping" lines be installed at the Hopkins Street/Wildberry Street intersection. This is considered the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
- 6. Consultation has been carried out with the affected residents in the area and support has been forthcoming and approval has been gained from the Woolston Community Association Inc.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Cost

Installation of road markings is within existing budgets.

8. Legal

The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board agree that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following areas:

- (a) The north western side of Hopkins Street commencing at the Wildberry Street intersection and extending in a north eastern direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (b) The south eastern side of Hopkins Street commencing at the Wildberry Street intersection and extending in a south western direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (c) The north eastern side of Hopkins Street commencing at the Wildberry Street intersection and extending in a north eastern direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (d) The south western side of Hopkins Street commencing at the Wildberry Street intersection and extending in a south western direction for a distance of 12 metres.

- (e) The north western side of Wildberry Street commencing at the Hopkins Street intersection and extending in a north western direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (f) The south eastern side of Wildberry Street commencing at the Hopkins Street intersection and extending in a south eastern direction for a distance of 17 metres.
- (g) The north eastern side of Wildberry Street commencing at the Hopkins Street intersection and extending in a south eastern direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (h) The south western side of Wildberry Street commencing at the Hopkins Street intersection and extending in a north western direction for a distance of 12 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.