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**RICCARTON WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD
6 OCTOBER 2009**

**Report of a meeting of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board
held on 6 October 2009 at 5.30pm
in the Boardroom, Sockburn Service Centre, 149 Main South Road.**

PRESENT: Mike Mora (Acting Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Jimmy Chen, Beth Dunn, Judy Kirk and Bob Shearing.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Peter Laloli.

The Board reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL – VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS



General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Jennie Hamilton, Consultation Leader

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council for the installation of a new variable speed limit (40 kilometre per hour (km/h) school zone) on Kahu Road, and its inclusion in the Christchurch City Speed Limits Register.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has a programme of installing 40 km/h variable speed limits (known as "school zones") outside schools according to a prioritisation process. To date 29 schools have benefited from this treatment. The "school zone" will operate on school days, for no more than forty-five minutes in the morning at a time between 8.15am and 8.50am Monday to Friday and between 3.10pm and 3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and between 2.10pm and 2.30pm Wednesday.
3. Since formalising the Christchurch City Council Speed Limits Bylaw 2005, the Council can resolve to make new variable speed limits. Accordingly, infrastructure for these variable speed limits cannot be commissioned until they have been formally resolved by the Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The recommendations of this report align with 2009 - 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan budgets.
5. The budget for school speed zones in the 2009/10 financial year is \$108,700. Equipment for this zone in Kahu Road was purchased in 2008/09 and there is sufficient funding to install the signage and control box this financial year.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The proposed variable speed limit complies with the conditions specified and published by the Director of Land Transport New Zealand in the *New Zealand Gazette* (2/6/2005, No. 3459, p. 2051) approving a variable speed limit of 40 km/h in school zones and setting out conditions for those speed limits. A Council resolution is required to implement the speed limit restrictions and traffic management changes.

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ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

7. This report's recommendations support the project objectives as outlined in the 2009-19 LTCCP.
8. This project aligns with the Transport and Greenspace Unit's 'Our Community Plan 2009-2019'.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

9. This project is consistent with key Council strategies including the Road Safety Strategy and the Pedestrian Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Details of the proposed school speed zone (**Attachment 1**) and the planned consultation process were presented to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board in a memorandum dated 28 May 2009.
11. Before the Council can set a variable speed limit pursuant to Clause 5(1) of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw 2005, the public consultation requirements set out in Section 7.1 of the Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2003 Rule 54001 must be complied with. Section 7.1(2) provides that the persons that must be consulted before the Council sets a speed limit are:
 - (a) Road controlling authorities that are responsible for roads that join, or are near, the road on which the speed limit is to be set or changed.
 - (b) A territorial authority that is affected by the existing or proposed speed limit.
 - (c) Any local community that the road controlling authority considers to be affected by the proposed speed limit.
 - (d) The Commissioner of Police.
 - (e) The Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated.
 - (f) The Chief Executive Officer of the Road Transport Forum New Zealand.
 - (g) Other organisation or road user group that the road controlling authority considers to be affected by the proposed speed limit.
 - (h) The Director of Land Transport New Zealand.
12. Section 7.1(3) of the Rule provides:
 - (a) A road controlling authority must consult by writing to the persons in 7.1(2) advising them of the proposed speed limit and giving them a reasonable time, which must be specified in the letter, to make submissions on the proposal. In terms of Section 7.1(2)(a) and 7.1(2)(b) there are no road controlling authorities or territorial authorities that are required to be consulted in respect of any of the proposed variable speed limits.
13. The representatives of the Commissioner of Police, the Director of Land Transport New Zealand, the Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Automobile Association Incorporated, the Secretary of the Taxi Federation and the Chief Executive Officer of the Road Transport Forum of New Zealand have received written advice of the proposed new variable speed limit in accordance with Section 7.1(2) (d), (e), (f) and (h). No other organisation or road user group is considered affected by the proposed speed limits. No neighbouring road controlling authority is affected. No issues were identified.

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14. Eleven property owners and residents adjacent to the proposed static and electronic school zone signs received written information about the preferred location of those signs. They were invited to contact the Council project team with any concerns. As a result of feedback and further site visits by the project team, the southern start/finish point was extended 35 metres on the eastern side of Kahu Road and 68 metres along the Riccarton House frontage on the western side. The project team agreed that motorists needed more warning of pedestrian activity as they travelled along Kahu Road near the intersection with Titoki Street. The extension would still fall within the 500 metre recommended limit for school speed zones and would also improve safety for pedestrians if a planned boundary fence at Riccarton House was built.
15. Two residents expressed reservations about the proposed static end-of-zone sign near their driveway exit opposite the Riccarton House frontage. The project team's traffic engineer, Mike Thomson, stated that the sign would not impair visibility for residents backing out of driveways. The zone would improve safety for residents by raising motorists' awareness and slowing traffic speeds. Another resident raised concerns about student behaviour but was advised that these matters were outside the scope of the project and should be taken up with the school.
16. The amended consultation plan was circulated to 54 residents and property owners in June 2009, and the school community. Three further responses were received. A suggestion that the zone be extended around the Kotare Street corner was not adopted as the overall distance would exceed the 500 metre recommended limit and the signs would be away from the main pedestrian activity. A new restricted speed zone outside the Straven Road entrance to the school was not considered a priority as gaps in the traffic are currently created by nearby traffic and pedestrian lights. Another resident asked that a street tree be removed because it obscured vision. This was considered outside the scope of this project. So too were a number of other issues raised including the location of a power pole and a request for a formal pedestrian crossing point.
17. Christchurch Boys' High School administrators have been informed of the proposed variable speed limits and support the installation of a variable speed limit outside their school. Information about the proposed speed zone was posted out with newsletters to all the families of children attending the school.
18. The eight respondents were sent a notice outlining the project team's responses to their suggestions and concerns. They were also advised of the likely Community Board meeting dates and advised they should contact the Board advisers if they wished to seek speaking rights.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- (a) Approve the installation of a variable speed limit on Kahu Road (school zone) that the new variable speed limit of 40 km/h specified below meets the requirements of Section 7.1 of the Land Transport Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2003;
- (b) That pursuant of Clause 5(1) of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 a variable speed limit of 40 km/h apply on Kahu Road, commencing at a point 44 metres north-west of Titoki Street and extending in north-westerly direction along Kahu Road, for a distance of 348 metres, ending at a point 20 metres east of Tui Street;
- (c) That the abovementioned variable speed limit shall come into force on the date of adoption of the Council's resolution.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

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THE OPTIONS

19. There are two options; the preferred option is to install a temporary 40 km/h speed limit using electronic and static signage that operates during the daily opening and closing periods of Christchurch Boys' High School. The other option is to maintain the status quo.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option

20. Using the School Zone prioritisation criteria, Christchurch Boys' High School ranked second in the present school prioritisation.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

- 2.1 Darren Nankivell, Christchurch Speedway Association, discussed with the Board the Association's Ruapuna Park Lighting Resource Consent and Funding applications.
- 2.2 Murray Francis, resident, discussed the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association's funding application.
- 2.3 Bob Cross, Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association, discussed the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association's funding application.

3. PETITIONS

Nil.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board **received** the following correspondence:

- 5.1 A letter from Hornby Netball Club Incorporated thanking the Board for their support.
- 5.2 A letter from Canterbury Tertiary Education Chaplaincy Committee advising that they wish to withdraw their application to the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.
- 5.3 A letter from Riccarton Bush Trust outlining the support of the Board's Trustees and a copy of the Trust's Annual Report.

6. BRIEFINGS

- 6.1 Ross Herrett, Unit Manager Capital Programme Development, was unable to attend the meeting, his presentation has been deferred.

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7. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Board noted that the Community Services Committee approved the following grants from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme at its 15 September 2009 meeting:

7.1 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – HOLLY APPS

The Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate \$350 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to Holly Apps as a contribution towards her school trip to Vietnam.

7.2 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ROWAN HINES

The Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate \$400 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to Rowan Hines as a contribution towards her travel to compete in the Oceania Climbing Championships in Brisbane, Australia.

7.3 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JOSHUA MACLEAN

The Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate \$400 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to Joshua Edward MacLean as a contribution towards the Edmund Rice trip to Australia in November 2009.

7.4 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – PHILIPPINE CULTURE AND SPORTS BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

That the Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate \$100 to each team member, (totalling \$900), from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards travelling to Wellington to compete in the National Labour Weekend Filipino Tournament.

7.5 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – KENYON JAMES WATT SHANKIE

The Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate \$350 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to Kenyon James Watt Shankie as a contribution towards his tournament expenses to compete in the Under 17 New Zealand Badminton Championships in Waikato.

7.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Committee **resolved** to support the funding application and allocate Neighbourhood Week Funds accordingly and that the balance of funds be used to fulfil recognised Residents' Associations' funding requests.

8. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board **received** updates from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activities and projects, and the status of the Board's funds.

9. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Specific mention was made of the following matters:

- 9.1 **Staff Parking at Westfield Riccarton Mall** – The Board discussed their thoughts on the provision of staff parking within Westfield Riccarton Mall. The Board requested that staff arrange a meeting with staff of Westfield Mall to discuss the matter.

10. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

11. RUAPUNA PARK LIGHTING CONSENT – CHRISTCHURCH SPEEDWAY ASSOCIATION

1. The Board considered a report seeking support for the Christchurch Speedway Association Incorporated's application to install two lighting towers in the pit area at their track at Ruapuna Park, prior to the Transport and Greenspace Manager granting approval under his delegated authority.
2. The report also sought a retrospective "Landowners" consent for two existing lighting towers installed in the car park at Ruapuna Park that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board funded in December 2007.

The Board **decided** to:

- (a) Support the approval by the Transport and Greenspace Manager for the Christchurch Speedway Association's application to install two lighting towers subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) That the Christchurch Speedway Association is to obtain the necessary resource and building Consents, if required, at their expense before commencing installation of the lighting system on the park.
 - (ii) That the Christchurch Speedway Association be responsible for providing "as built" plans of all existing services (electricity, telecommunication, sewerage, storm water, high pressure water supply, and irrigation) presently laid underground in the park.
 - (iii) That the Christchurch Speedway Association being required to deposit scaled plans, showing the lighting poles and cable layout in the park, as built, within two months of the work being completed with the Area Contracts Manager – Sockburn Service Centre.
 - (iv) That the Christchurch Speedway Association be responsible for all costs associated with the installation and maintenance and operation of the lighting system.
 - (v) That the Christchurch Speedway Association applicant being responsible for ensuring that the lighting system is maintained in a safe and tidy condition at all times.
 - (vi) That the lights are not operated after 11pm.
 - (vii) That the area is restored to its previous condition following the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Council.
 - (viii) That approval will lapse if the development is not completed within two years of the application being approved.
- (b) Support the retrospective landowner approval for the existing lighting that has already been installed in the public car park at Ruapuna Park.

PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

12. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Board **resolved** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Board held on 15 September 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record, with the amendment to change *Deputy Chairperson* to *Acting Chairperson*.

13. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – CHRISTCHURCH SPEEDWAY ASSOCIATION

The Board considered a report seeking funding of \$13,993 for the installation of lighting towers in the pit area at the Christchurch Speedway track (Ruapuna) in Templeton.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the funding application and allocate \$10,000 as a contribution towards the installation of pit light towers at the Templeton (Ruapuna) Speedway from the 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Christchurch Speedway Association.

The Board deliberated on this matter and taking into account the unallocated balance of the 2009/10 Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund decided to reduce the amount of funding to the Christchurch Speedway Association.

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$6,000 as a contribution towards the installation of pit light towers at the Templeton (Ruapuna) Speedway from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Christchurch Speedway Association, subject to the Transport and Greenspace Unit Manager's approval of the pit light towers' installation.

14. RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – REPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Board **received** the report of the Community Services Committee meeting of 15 September 2009.

14.1 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – HALSWELL PLAY 'N MOOSIC

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$400 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to Halswell Play 'n Moosic as a contribution towards the purchasing of bean bags and kitchen play equipment for children in their Music and Movement/Play Group.

14.2 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – HEI HEI/BROOMFIELD COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAYS AND DROP IN CAFE

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$3,000 towards the two projects applied for from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Christchurch South Seventh Day Adventist Church.

14.3 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – RANNERDALE WAR VETERANS' HOSPITAL AND HOME VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee recommend to the Board to decline the funding application from the Rannerdale War Veterans' Hospital and Home for costs associated with its vehicle replacement project.

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The Board **resolved** not to support the staff recommendation and allocate \$3,000 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Rannerdale War Veterans' Hospital and Home for costs associated with its vehicle replacement project.

14.4 APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – YALDHURST RURAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee recommend to the Board to decline funding to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association for legal expenditure related to the Environment Court appeal.

(Bob Shearing declared a conflict of interest on this matter and took no part in the discussion or voting therein.)

The Board **resolved** not to support the staff recommendation and allocated \$5,500 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund for legal or technical expertise relating to the Environment Court appeal in relation to Blackstone Quarries Limited to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association.

The meeting concluded at 6.43pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009

**MIKE MORA
ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

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