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36 MARSHLAND ROAD

Board: David Dobbie (Chairman), Don Rowlands (Deputy Chairman), Clare Duff, Dave East, Carole Evans, Alister James, Gail Sheriff, Jack Travis, Chrissie Williams

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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **CONFIRMATION OF REPORT**

The report of the last ordinary meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board held on Tuesday 3 March 1998 has been circulated to Board members.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report of the last ordinary held on Tuesday 3 March 1998 be confirmed.

3. **PETITIONS**

4. **DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 **NEW BRIGHTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

The following letter has been received from M B Jones, New Brighton Mainstreet Project, regarding the re-establishment of the New Brighton Community Committee:

“Mainstreet is aware that the New Brighton Community Committee has ceased functioning. We believe that it is important for a Community Committee to exist within the local boundaries.

Mainstreet's policy is to involve the community in its subcommittees and decision-making process. It is logical to incorporate the New Brighton Community Committee under our structure.

The Mainstreet Board has discussed and approved the proposal to set up a New Brighton Community Council.

We would look to the Community board for assistance regarding the correct procedures and rules of setting up a Community Committee.

Could you please discuss this proposal and inform us of your comments.”

Chairman's

Recommendation: That a Working Party of the Chairman, Chrissie Williams, Jack Travis and Alister James meet with the Mainstreet Board and organise a process for setting up an appropriate Community Committee.

5.2 LAW AND ORDER CONCERNS

The following letter was received from A J Johnston, New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society regarding law and order concerns:

“I refer also to my letter to the City Manager dated 27 February 1996 complaining about local enforcement agencies.

Our Committee members have often raised law and order concerns such as vandalism, disorderly conduct, theft, intimidating and threatening behaviour and numerous other such examples. Most of these were initiated by complaints received from frustrated residents, but in addition, almost every Committee member has had some first-hand experience to recount.

While our Society’s main focus has been the rebuilding of the Pier, elated matters affecting the foreshore have also claimed our interest and attention. To be quite blunt we are not satisfied with the effectiveness of the law and order provided by those whose responsibility it is to ensure that society’s rules, regulations and laws are adhered to.

Two representatives of this Society did meet with two Police officers at a meeting chaired by Cr Sheriff. In my view this was a futile exercise. Mr Larry Sutherland was also approached but it seems difficult if not impossible to get the Police hierarchy to meet with mere citizens to discuss these matters.

We do have some appreciation of the interest and efforts of your Board in these issues. The hopes of our Committee members are that a meeting could be arranged by the Community Board at which community groups and organisations could address local law and order provisions and related matters.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the issues raised in Mr Johnston’s letter be included in an officer’s report outlining Pier and Foreshore Management issues for the May meeting of the Board.

5.3 SEPARATE RATE FOR THE NEW BRIGHTON COMMERCIAL AREA

The following letter was received from Simon Henry, Rapaki Property Group regarding separate rating for the New Brighton commercial area:

“It has been proposed that a separate rate be levied on the commercially zoned properties of New Brighton.

The purpose of the rate would be to promote and market the New Brighton retailing district.

The big suburban malls such as Riccarton and The Palms, have marketing funds in excess of \$500,000 pa per mall. New Brighton will not survive without the correct marketing and promotion.

Listed below are some of the retailing districts in Auckland that have established a separate rate for the purpose of marketing and promotion.

<i>Papatoetoe</i>	<i>Remuera</i>
<i>Otahuhu</i>	<i>Torbay</i>
<i>Onehunga</i>	<i>Northcote</i>
<i>Howick</i>	<i>Panmure</i>
<i>St Heliers</i>	<i>Avondale</i>
<i>Glen Innes</i>	

We need to consider the correct legal mechanism to use to implement a separate rate. After speaking to the rate managers in the Auckland district, I note the following points:

- 1. The only fair voting system is one vote per commercial ratepayer in the effected area.*
- 2. For the separate rate to be legal only a majority vote is required, ie 51% in favour of the separate rate.*

In a telephone conversation with Tom Wong-Kam, Rates Manager for North Shore City Council, he mentioned that Northcote has a separate rate and collects about \$120,000 pa. It has been in place for the last two years. The voting system used was one vote per rate assessment, ie the butcher shop got one vote, Woolworths got one vote. The Council wanted 80-85% support for the separate rate. When the vote was taken, 87% voted in favour, the Council was then told that it only needed 51% support for the separate rate to be legal.

Also, in a telephone conversation with Helen Cunliffe, Auckland City Council Rates Manager - the criteria the Council required to implement the separate rate was 60% of those receiving rate demands in the given area to vote in favour.

For a separate rate to be implemented in New Brighton, the following points will need to be clarified:

- (a) The area to be rated. It is proposed that the rate will apply to all commercial and industrial properties bounded by Marine Parade, Hawke and Beresford Streets.*
- (b) The level of support the Christchurch City Council will require for the rate to established.*
- (c) Amount of rates to be collected.*
- (d) What the rate will be used for.*
- (e) The voting system, ie one vote per ratepayer.*

Chairman's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.

CITY STREETS

6. CHARTWELL STREET

RR 7363

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Lorraine Wilmshurst, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Public Consultation	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the response from residents and owners to the questionnaire on traffic issues in Chartwell Street.

93 questionnaires were delivered or posted to all residents or absentee owners of properties of Chartwell Street in early February. Replies were received from 41% of those who received the questionnaire.

Of the 34 replies received 29 (85% of) residents saw speed in their street as the main problem and the majority of these replies considered the installation of restraints as the solution to the problem. Others requested signage be installed and enforcement take place.

Residents would like to see the work carried out in their street encourage a balance of users that includes pedestrians and cyclists. The most important issues to be addressed with the work, from a residents point of view, are speed and beautification.

Four replies stated there were no problems and would like no work carried out in the street. Seven replies were from residents in the cul-de-sac and they are concerned with the speed of traffic in this section of the street because there are 35 children under 13 years of age. When these replies are subtracted from the total received, the number of residents who perceive speeding as an issue is reduced to 22, ie about 20% of the total residents in the street.

Two speed surveys were carried out. One in the northern section of the street between 5.00 and 6.00 pm and the other in the southern section between 8.00 and 9.00 am. The average speed in the street was 46 km/h and 85% of all vehicles travelled at 50 km/h or less. Most traffic in the street was local traffic. Some Windsor School children are dropped off at the park in Chartwell Street and use the rear entrance to the school. The number of vehicles at this drop off point varied from two to nine. There are a number of children who walk to school via this street.

CONCLUSION

Taking into account all the replies to the questionnaire and the results of the speed surveys, there appears to be a perceived problem of speed in the street. It is proposed that no work be carried out in the street as the majority of traffic is travelling within the speed limit (50 km/h). Restraints in the street would reduce the average speed and the 85th percentile by between 2 and 5 km/h. They would also be viewed by many in the street as a nuisance.

The cul-de-sac has a “No Exit” sign and restraints are not placed at entrances to these types of roads. A “PW-31” Children permanent warning sign will be erected prior to the park to advise traffic that there is a park and children in the area.

Recommendation: That the Board hold a street meeting with the residents to notify them of the results of the questionnaire and surveys, and inform them that no work will be carried out in the immediate future.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.

7. DALLINGTON TERRACE

RR 7364

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Lorraine Wilmshurst, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Public Consultation	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the response from residents and owners to the questionnaire on traffic issues in Dallington Terrace.

83 questionnaires were delivered or posted to all residents or absentee owners of properties of Dallington Terrace at the end of January. Replies were received from 49% of those who received the questionnaire.

Of the 37 replies received 31 (84% of) residents saw speed in their streets as the main problem. Other problems were the volume of traffic and parking outside the rear entrance to St Pauls School.

Over half (57%) of the replies asked that installation of restraints be looked at, as a solution to the problem. Others request signage and enforcement as a solution.

Residents would like to see the work carried out in their street encourage more pedestrians and cyclists, as well as having a balance of traffic use. The most important issues to be addressed with the work, from a residents point of view, are speed, beautification of the riverbank, and pedestrian traffic.

Other issues raised in the replies were underground wiring, footpaths, and parking spaces and a walking track on the riverbank.

While the questionnaire was with residents, other research was carried out by Council Officers. A speed survey was carried out at two locations in Dallington Terrace early in February. One survey was undertaken at the rear entrance to St Pauls School at the end of the school day. The average speed past the school entrance was 43 km/h and 85% of all vehicles travelled at 48 km/h or less. The second site for the speed survey was outside No 51, which is near the McBratneys Road end of Dallington Terrace. The average speed through this straighter section of the street was 56 km/h and 85% of all vehicles travelled at 60 km/h or less.

A survey was also carried out as to the number of vehicles that parked at the rear entrance to the school. The number of vehicles parked in the morning varied from one to nine but at the end of the school day varied from 28 to 18. In the morning most parents parked on the school side of the street but in the afternoon the majority parked on the riverbank.

A third survey was carried out to establish the number of cyclists who use Dallington Terrace. This count was carried out in the morning and 33 cyclists used the street to commute to work or school.

CONCLUSION

Taking into account all the replies and the results of the surveys, it is proposed to look at placing a threshold at both the McBratneys Road and Gayhurst Road ends of Dallington Terrace, narrowing the carriageway in several places between McBratneys Road and the bend at No 40, tightening up the bend at No 40, placing a facility outside the rear entrance to St Pauls School to make it safer for children crossing the road and easing the corner at No 4.

Water Services have had some design work undertaken to look at the riverbank at the school entrance and this work will be tied into the work on the street. They are also looking at a path on the riverbank.

In 1999/2000 there is budget provided to do some work at the intersection of Dallington Terrace/McBratneys Road/Banks Avenue/River Road. The work proposed for Dallington Terrace will be designed to fit with any work carried out at this intersection.

The amount of work that can be done will be dependent on costings and available budget.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

8. KERRS ROAD - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLANDS

RR 7277

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Malcolm Taylor, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Capital Works Implementation 9.5 text 10	

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with details on the proposed installation of pedestrian refuge facilities in Kerrs Road between Wainoni and Woodham Road which was not available at the project funding meeting of 17 February 1998.

Two pedestrian refuge islands are proposed. One at the intersection of Kerrs Road/Pannell Avenue and Dunaran Street, and the other at the Kerrs Road/Wildwood Avenue intersection.

A request was made for pedestrian facilities in the area at a walk about attended by Community Board members and residents in May 1997. Also in May a publicity pamphlet was circulated for pedestrian refuge islands in Wainoni Road, between Avonside Drive and Shortland Street. Comments from residents of Kerrs Road were received indicating that they would like pedestrian refuge islands.

This section of Kerrs Road is classified as a minor arterial road which carries an average of 13,700 vehicles per day. The area is heavily used by pedestrians, especially the elderly residents from the Council flats. They are experiencing difficulty in crossing Kerrs Road to reach the bus stops and to visit the diary at the corner of Pannell Avenue.

As these pedestrian facilities are located on the boundary of both the Hagley/Ferrymead and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board areas, funds have been requested from both Boards. The estimated cost for the installation of two pedestrian facilities is \$6,000.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, allocated \$3,000 towards these facilities.

Recommendation: That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board allocate \$3,000 from its 1998/99 discretionary funds to help complete the above traffic project for safety reasons.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

9. MARINE PARADE - NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

RR 7285

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Malcolm Taylor, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Street Markings and Signs 9.6.9	

The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to request Council for approval to install a “no stopping” restriction in Marine Parade.

To be consistent with the City Plan change in designation of Marine Parade from a Minor Arterial to a Collector, and after community input for the North New Brighton Neighbourhood Improvement Plan, it is appropriate to develop Marine Parade to cater for local traffic with a kerb to kerb width of not more than 12 metres.

Coast Care have recently implemented formalised parking areas and protected pedestrian access routes to the beach. Where off-street parking has been provided, Marine Parade has been narrowed further and “no stopping” restrictions need to be installed in these areas.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the Council that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following locations:

1. On the east side of Marine Parade commencing at a point of 12.5 metres from its intersection with Beach Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 95 metres.

2. On the east side of Marine Parade commencing at a point 181 metres from its intersection with Beach Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 53 metres.
3. On the east side of Marine Parade commencing at a point 302 metres from its intersection with Beach Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 120 metres.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.

10. MARRIOTTS ROAD - SPEED RESTRAINTS

RR 7290

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Malcolm Taylor, Area Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Road Network Planning 9.5.5	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the work that has been carried out in response to a petition presented on 30 June 1997. The petition called for the Board to consider placing speed restraints in Marriotts Road.

Speed checks were carried out in July 1997 between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on a Thursday and 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm (school time) on a Wednesday. The average speed was 55 km/h and 85% of all vehicles travelled at 61 km/h or less.

55% of vehicles travelling along Marriotts Road is through traffic that is using the street as a short cut. It was also noted that the through traffic speed was higher than local traffic.

A recent safety survey was carried out at the intersection of Tedder Avenue/Marriotts Road/Saltaire Street following discussions with a local resident. Concern has been expressed about vehicles travelling on the wrong side of the traffic islands at the intersection. A possible solution could be the installation of a speed hump on the exit side of each island (but at present there is no budget available for this work).

Consideration is being given to alterations to the intersection of Marriotts Road and Rockwood Avenue to slow or deter vehicles from entering Marriotts Road and using it as a short cut. Investigations will need to be carried as to how any possible alterations will effect other traffic movements in the area.

Further safety and traffic investigations will have to be carried out before a proposal can be presented to the Board for budget consideration.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

11. ROADING LAND - UNFORMED PART OF MARINE PARADE

RR 7318

Officer responsible City Streets Manager	Author Weng-Kei Chen, Asset Policy Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Roading Land 9.5 text 14	

The purpose of this report is to inform Board members of the complaint by Mr Bernie Calder on the illegal structure established by the owner of 20 Plover Street on the unformed part of Marine Parade.

In a letter to the Board in September 1997 Mr Calder requested the Board “to direct the appropriate Council staff to commence proceedings to have the walls, fences and table removed and to have the dunes returned to their original contour and replanted”.

BACKGROUND

An accessway was built along the unformed part of Marine Parade to serve 20 Plover Street in 1994. Other improvements soon followed with the installation of a vehicle turning area, retaining walls and fence (*Plan S2972, attached page 25*). The later improvements did not have Council’s consent. The fence and the retaining wall across the legal road have prevented a “direct” access along this part of the legal road and remedial action is required to maintain the status of the legal road.

The access to the beach is not affected by the structures.

In the similar case in Riverlaw Terrace where Council installed two drainage pipes across the unformed road, the Legal Services Manager in his opinion in 1995 (*see attachment, page 26*) advised the importance of maintaining the legal status of road “right of the public to pass and repass along that road” and also stated the common law rights on the use of roads by the public with the following quotation:

“Once land is dedicated as a public road members of the public have, with certain qualifications, a right of passage over it. That general right of passage is supported by correlative duties imposed upon others not to substantially and unreasonably impede it. Effect is given to those duties by the laws of nuisance, trespass, negligence ... But the ordinary citizen's common law right to use a publicly dedicated highway is not absolute. In addition to any limitations in the terms of the original dedication, it is qualified by the fact that it is a right of passage only, for the reasonable requirements of other road users, and any superimposed legislation.”

I have had discussions with the Legal Services Manager on this particular matter and he advises that the fence be removed and steps be constructed adjacent to one part of the retaining wall to allow public to pass and repass along the road.

Recommendations: The “improvements” have been maintained to a good standard and I would recommend that:

1. The owner of 20 Plover Street be advised of the removal of the fence marked A on Plan S2972.
2. Steps be constructed to enable public access along the road.
3. Mr Calder be advised of the action 1 and 2 above.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.

PARKS

12. CHARGING FOR OCCUPATION OF RESERVE LAND

RR 7325

Officer responsible Parks Manager	Author John Allen, Area Parks Officer/Team Leader Consents
Corporate Plan Output: Consents - Sub Output: Leases Vol 3/9.4.8	

The purpose of this report is to inform Board Members of a paper that has been sent to all sports clubs and community groups who occupy reserve land to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation. This is a metropolitan issue which is being addressed by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The Council resolved at its meeting on 26 November that the draft discussion paper presented to it be circulated to the affected sports clubs and community groups for comment.

THE NEED FOR THE DISCUSSION PAPER

The need for this paper arises primarily because of inequity between existing sports clubs and community groups (SCCG). The inequity is largely as a result of the varied policies of the different territorial authorities prior to Local Government amalgamation in 1989. It exists in two forms:

1. Between SCCG on reserve land and private land. Those on private land pay rates (subject to remission) while those on reserve land do not pay rates.
2. Between existing SCCG leasing reserve land, there is a wide disparity in current annual rent levels. A comparison between two rugby clubs reveals one paying 10c while another pays \$300 for one seventh of the area.

In addition to existing charging inequity, from 1 July 1998, the Local Government Amendment Act No 3, 1996 will come into force. This Act requires, among other financial management responsibilities, that the Council conduct prudent management of its assets and expenses.

Reserves are Council assets and fall within the ambit of the Act, and therefore charging for occupation must be developed in line with the requirements of the Act. Other factors to be considered are: maintenance of public participation in these SCCG and consistency with the requirements of the Proposed City Plan.

ESTABLISH A FAIR AND EQUITABLE CHARGING POLICY

The goal, which is set out, in the discussion paper is to establish a fair and equitable charging policy by firstly establishing equity through a level playing field for all SCCG.

The proposal is that:

- All SCCG, whether on reserve or freehold land pay rates (subject to remission).
- All SCCG on reserves have rent calculated at a standard per square metre rate.

Secondly, establishing fairness by balancing prudent management of the asset and expenses with promotion of community development.

- Prudent management is achieved through recovery of costs and expenses whilst at the same time setting rents that take into account the value of the reserve itself.
- Promotion of community development is achieved firstly by ensuring that the proposed total charges (ie rent plus rates) will not create an unreasonable financial burden on SCCG. Rate remission and low rent levels ensure this. Secondly by phasing in the proposed charges to provide a sufficient adjustment period.

THE PROPOSED APPROACH TO CHARGING

The proposed charging policy applies to preferential use of reserve land under one hectare. This is the building footprint and may include a greenspace area around or attached to the building which used in association with it. The proposed method is a rate levy and rent charge.

Rates would be levied as per the existing rating policy on freehold land which includes a standard policy of partial remission.

Rent is calculated by use of a standard formula. This sets a rate per square metre which varies dependent on the type of land use, (ie building or greenspace), and the area of land taken. The rent payable will be the greater of either; a minimum rent to cover essential administrative costs or application of the formula.

- The effect of the proposed charges is that over 75% of rents go down but when rent is added to rates then nearly all SCCG incur an increase in total charges. Despite this overall increase the proposed charges compare favourably with other Local Authorities.
- A phase in period for the proposed charges is proposed to ensure the avoidance of significant adjustment difficulties for SCCG.
- The proposed rate charges would not be applied until twelve months after formal adoption of the policy, ie no sooner than 1 July 1999.
- The proposed rent would take effect after formal Council adoption of the policy, ie not before 1 August 1998, when existing leases expire or rent reviews fall due.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council is presently seeking the input of SCCG who occupy reserve land. A paper in which the important issues and options are outlined has been prepared to encourage discussion on how to charge for such occupation.

A choice of the options has been made by Council staff and developed into a proposed policy.

The Council is now seeking the input of SCCG to consider firstly whether all the important issues and possible options have been covered. Secondly whether the choice of options is appropriate. An assessment of charges that would be applied using the proposed policy has been provided to the SCCG so they can determine the effect on their organisation.

The Council consider that it is important SCCG consider the issues. All affected SCCG have therefore been supplied with a copy of the discussion paper. If any SCCG are uncertain as to how or why the proposed charges are set, they have been asked to direct their enquiries to Felix Dawson 371-1966, Lewis Burn 371-1522 or John Allen 371-1699.

A questionnaire has been sent to the SCCG concerned, requesting them to complete and return it as soon as possible, but before 29 May 1998 to The Property Unit, C/- Felix Dawson, PO Box 237, Christchurch.

A hearings committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee has been established to consider all written and oral submissions. A final charging policy will not be developed until after completion of this process. A period of nearly three months has been allowed to ensure that SCCG have sufficient time to undertake full discussion, and prepare any written and/or oral submissions. Those SCCG wishing to make submissions will be given adequate notice of the hearing date, which is expected to be in mid to late June 1998.

Recommendation: The information be received.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

WATER SERVICES

13. RESOURCE CONSENT FOR EFFLUENT DISCHARGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

RR 7416

Officer responsible Water Services Manager	Author Walter Lenthwaite, Liquid Wastes Engineer
Corporate Plan Output: Resource Consents - External	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board of progress with seeking a new discharge consent for the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWTP). It is presented as an initial briefing for the seminar on 7 April. (Considerably more detail will be presented at the seminar.)

BACKGROUND

Since the 1960's the CWTP has had a consent to discharge treated effluent to the Avon/Heathcote Estuary and this consent expires in October 2001. The Council also has a consent (subject to finalising appeals) to reuse biosolids from the plant (ie the treated solid by-products) as a fertiliser in a number of forests near Christchurch, and will also seek a consent to discharge odours to air - but this report confines itself to the treated liquid effluent.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

The Resource Management Act dictates the process that must be followed to seek a new consent, consisting essentially of two thrusts:

1. An assessment of the actual or potential effect on the environment, involving an investigation of any possible alternative methods of discharge, including any other receiving environment
2. Widespread public consultation, which must be a two-way process done with an open mind, aimed at obtaining broad support from the community.

In August 1996 the Council authorised the process for addressing these two matters.

BUDGET FOR CWTP CAPACITY UPGRADE

Separate from the resource consent process it has become necessary to start increasing the capacity of the treatment plant. This was a matter of some urgency and in early 1996 the Council sought the advice of consultants Beca Steven. The result was a budget of \$30 million, subject to the outcome of the consent process. It has always been accepted that this is a likely minimum sum, being the least cost that could conceivably obtain a consent.

Initial parts of the works suggested in this plan have been started, including new screens at the intake, airflow improvements in the trickling filters, and some odour control works, and a design statement is being prepared to start work on new circular clarifiers. Care has been taken to ensure these works do not preempt the outcome of the consent process but instead leave all conceivable options open until the consent is finalised.

CONSULTATION

The following main activities have occurred:

1. The Council sought the advice of public relations consultants over the process of consultation and engaged the services of Gay Pavelka to be an independent facilitator.
2. A public meeting was held in November 1996, leading to the establishment of a Working Party that represents a wide range of community interests, public health and administrative advisers, plus some with relevant individual expertise. The intention is that this Working Party stays with the process right through, building up expertise about the issues and options, and helps the Council and its staff to reach decisions that are in the interests of the community. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board is represented by Chrissie Williams.
3. A round of public meetings was held late 1996 to early 1997 to hear issues that concerned the community. These meetings were open to all, but targeted particularly Maori groups, recreational interests, ecological experts, industry, and neighbours of the estuary.

4. After these meetings the Working Party developed a brief for an issues-and-options study that received approval from the Council in June 1997.
5. The Council engaged a team of consultants to do the issues-and-options study, after receiving a recommendation from the Working Party.
6. A second series of public meetings was held in late 1997 and early 1998 to inform various interest groups (a similar range of groups to the first round of meetings) of progress with the issues and options study and to seek feedback on whether the study was going in the right direction.
7. Council staff have issued four newsletters so far to about 80 organisations and individuals who have expressed an interest, and have put infomercials in newspapers and articles in the City Scene. Staff have also encouraged and contributed to about three newspaper articles on aspects of the consent.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS STUDY

The following main activities have occurred:

1. Following approval from the Council in July 1997 and public advertisement for submissions, a team of consultants was engaged to study the issues and options associated with getting a new consent. The team is led by Woodward-Clyde, environmental and planning consultants, and supported by NIWA, Lincoln Environmental, Taylor-Baines, and some individual experts, including two from outside New Zealand.
2. The Council also engaged the services of a peer-review team, consisting of three selected experts from around New Zealand.
3. For three months the consultants canvassed the subject in the broadest possible way, expanding on the brief, gathering and assessing data, developing all issues and examining all options to a preliminary degree.
4. After this the Working Party selected six options to be compared with the baseline option (the \$30 million proposal submitted by Beca Steven). These six options are now being investigated thoroughly and should be reported to the Working Party in April. The selected options are:

Baseline option	Continue to discharge to the side of the estuary, but with a substantially improved effluent quality
Outfall options	Discharge direct to centre channel of estuary Discharge to the ocean Discharge to land - for either irrigation or rapid infiltration
Treatment options	Disinfection Nutrient removal Wetlands

NEXT ACTION

The next steps will follow the two paths that the Resource Management Act requires - ie technical investigations and public consultation.

Technical investigations will be written up by Woodward-Clyde over April for examination by Council staff, the Working Party and the peer review team. The Working Party will meet in June to seek to narrow further the range of favoured options.

It is possible there will be a need to do further field research into the hydrodynamics of the estuary and nearshore areas, especially if investigations favour discharge to the ocean or continuing to discharge to the estuary. This research might be needed to increase confidence in predictions about algae growth and bacteria distribution following discharge. The research, if needed, will take another few months, possibly into 1999.

Consultation will continue over April and May with special interest groups, and the Working Party will be intimately involved as they seek further community feedback. Groups to be targeted will include Community Boards, wastewater technologists, ecologists, recreation interests associated with potential discharge options, Maori groups, commercial fishers, industrial and commercial interests, and possibly children.

After the Working Party and peer reviewers have considered the consultants' report, they will report to the Council and then general public consultation will start. The scope of this and its content will depend on whether it is considered necessary to do the extra field research mentioned above. After that the Council will decide on an option and seek a consent.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

14. WATER EXPO

RR 7301

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Water Expo programme, an educational programme to increase children's environmental awareness of the city's water resource.

The Water Services Unit has a responsibility to encourage environmental awareness of this resource in accordance with Policy 2.9.1 in the City Plan. This policy states:

To encourage greater public awareness of important natural features and habitats within the city, particularly waterways, the coast and their margins, the Port Hills and indigenous grasslands.

The Council's Environmental Policy Statement also states that:

The Council will promote an awareness within the community of environmental matters as they affect the city.

In 1996 the Council adopted the recommendations of the Children's Strategy Research Report which included ensuring that policies were good for children and that children's views and perspectives were taken into account in planning. They are also the next generation who will be managing and using this important resource.

The Water Expo Programme focuses on children year 6 to year 10.

The focus of the programme will be on information technology such as the computer and web sites. This technology is being rapidly introduced into schools and will encourage interactive participatory learning by the children as well as provide a lot of information easily. It is important that the Council provide local information, in order that Christchurch children understand their local resource as well as the situation worldwide.

Last year Craig McGregor and the Water Services Unit jointly applied to the Royal Society of New Zealand for a Science and Technology Teacher Fellowship in order to develop this programme and to run a pilot Water Expo competition. Craig is the Deputy Principal of Wharenui School. The application was successful. Craig has now taken a year off school and his replacement is being funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The programme has three main components:

1. **Web Site**

The development of a children's web site on the Water Services Unit's home page. It will contain information on Christchurch's water resource, teacher and student work sheets, links to the school curriculum and information about the competition. Opportunities will be provided for students to e-mail their questions to the Water Services Unit and having their answers posted to the web.

2. **Audio Conferencing**

Audio conferencing will involve linking several schools at the same time by telephone and enabling them to interview an expert on a particular aspect of the water resource.

3. **Competition**

The culmination of children's study will be their (optional) entry into one of the following competition categories: photographic essay/poster, video presentation, computer multimedia presentation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

OTHER MATTERS

15. DEPEDESTRIANISATION OF PART OF NEW BRIGHTON MALL

RR 7365

Officer responsible Community Manager, Burwood/Pegasus	Author John Shanks, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Burwood/Pegasus Community Board	

On Tuesday 17 March 1998 members of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board met interested representatives of business and community interests in the New Brighton area to hear proposals for the reopening of part of Seaview Road to motor traffic. A wide range of interests were represented by some 28 people present.

Discussion was opened by Mr Mark Munro of the New Brighton Mainstreet Steering Committee who provided a briefing on Mainstreet principles and on present trends in New Brighton. This was followed by a screening of a video on the working of the Mainstreet Project in Onehunga, featuring Barbara Holloway, Manager of the Onehunga Mainstreet Project. This video outlined the rehabilitation of the Onehunga shopping area.

The video was followed by comments from Mr Roger Hunt, one of the original supporters and advocates many years previously, of turning Seaview Road into a mall. Mr Hunt outlined the then traffic congestion which prevailed in Seaview Road, leading to the conclusion that the road simply had to be closed. Mr Hunt went on to say that the situation had now completely changed and that he now advocated reopening the road to traffic and believed that the sooner this was done the better. Mr Hunt expressed the view that people were no longer coming to Brighton to shop as they used to do in the past. The opening of the Bungy Rocket and the Pier have brought new people to Brighton, but not enough of them.

Gilbert van Schaijik, the Council's Property Projects Manager, spoke of the work that he and Dean Chrystal, Senior Planner in the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit, had done in analysing the benefits of a Mainstreet Project for New Brighton. After viewing Onehunga and a similar project in Takapuna, they concluded that it was important to re-open Seaview Road to vehicular traffic and that doing so would put vehicles, people and a feeling of vitality back into the New Brighton shopping area. Mr van Schaijik emphasised that the lack of pedestrians in the mall was currently acting as a disincentive. However, in making these comments, Mr van Schaijik emphasised that it was important that this proposal be driven by what the community wants.

Mr Simon Henry, a property owner in the mall, stated his view that New Brighton was dying as a shopping centre and that the road needed to be opened very soon to arrest this declining trend to the benefit of everyone.

Mr Evan Harris of H G Livingstone Ltd, a retail property developer addressed the meeting, stating that New Brighton was not really a shopping mall in the modern sense of the term and that the area must, therefore, work out what role it is to play in the future and seek to identify what it is that its customers want. Mr Harris stated that street malls in Australia had now given up trying to be shopping malls competing with the new enclosed shopping areas and were, instead, reverting to roads. Mr Harris believed that the New Brighton shopping centre would continue to decline unless it changed its image and became a road again, and stated that the life of a shopping mall was about seven years after which it needed refurbishing and a new image.

Mr Munro in summing up the points made in this presentation emphasised that foot traffic figures were all important to retailers considering relocating to a site and emphasised that decisions needed to be made as an immediate priority or it would be too late because retailers make investment decisions two to three years ahead.

Recommendation: That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board support in principle the proposal that at least part of the Seaview Road mall revert to roadway and seek further investigation of this and a report on what would be involved in a partial roadway restoration.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.

16. PROPOSED SALT-WATER POOLS PROJECT - NEW BRIGHTON FORESHORE

RR 7366

Officer responsible Community Manager, Burwood/Pegasus	Author John Shanks, Committee Secretary
Corporate Plan Output: Burwood/Pegasus Community Board	

A seminar meeting for the information of Board members was held on Tuesday 17 March 1998 to brief Board members on a proposal for hot salt-water pools in New Brighton.

Mr Paul Whyte and Mr Sean Whittaker of Montgomery Watson NZ Ltd introduced this topic and outlined the concept landscape plan for this project which had been prepared by Mr Chris Glasson, Landscape Architect.

Mr Whittaker advised that he had been involved in the construction of hot pools in Queenstown, where these pools have already been developed and that he had developed a concept for passive therapeutic hot sea water pools on three possible foreshore sites adjoining the sea.

Mr Glasson, who had been involved with the design of the Hanmer pools, outlined the proposed concept plan and design for these pools.

In the discussion which followed, questions were asked of the presenters about fuel sources, water sources and the possibility of capitalising on support for the pools from the medical and related professions for the therapeutic value of the pools.

Other questions related to the possibility of varying the proposed location and to the need for Council approval to alter the sand dunes if this were required.

A ball-park figure for costs was seen to be in the region of \$1 - 2 million.

Although the waterfront situation needed to allow this proposal to proceed is Council owned land, Mr Whittaker believed that private investors would be prepared to fund the construction of these pools.

Other speakers also expressed support for this concept including Mr Jim Johnston of the Pier and Foreshore Society who spoke seeking a lead on this matter from the Community Board and suggested that a feasibility study should be conducted on this proposal. Mr Johnston also suggested that the Board could consider making funding available to assist in conducting this feasibility study. (In the event, funding for this has been included as part of the Community Board's Mainstreet Discretionary Funding allocation of \$40,000.)

The value of a feasibility study was that it could be provided to a potential investor as part of the background supporting material provided.

Mr Johnston stated that the Arthritis Society supported these baths for their therapeutic value.

Further speakers suggested that one of the first steps to be taken was to ascertain the reaction of the Council to a proposal to use Council land. The need for Council support to be given for a specific site was seen as an even greater priority than conducting any further feasibility studies. (Mr Whittaker had emphasised earlier that this project must be located on the foreshore or it would lose its unique attraction.)

In discussion it was agreed that this proposal should be placed before the next meeting of the Community Board for consideration.

The Chairman asked each group present to forward to the Community Board a letter expressing the view of the group on the proposals outlined at this meeting and setting out what their particular group was prepared to do to support this proposal.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board express its support in principle for the proposal that hot salt-water pools be constructed at New Brighton Beach.
 2. That the Board refer this report to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
 3. That the Board recommend to the Parks and Recreation Committee that an appropriate foreshore site in the vicinity of the New Brighton Pier be selected and made available for expressions of interest for the construction of hot salt-water pools.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the aforementioned recommendations be adopted.

17. COMMUNITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

- (a) A resumé of the Board's 1997/98 discretionary expenditure to date is attached for information (*see page 31*).
- (b) For members information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached (*see page 33*).
- (c) Attached for members information is a schedule of Board, Subcommittee, and Working Party meetings to be held during 1998 (*see page 35*).

(d) **DRAFT YOUTH POLICY AND STRATEGY DOCUMENT**

The Youth Strategy Working Party of the Community Services Committee has completed a Draft Youth Policy and Strategy. Community Board feedback is being sought for the document, which will be presented at the May meeting. In the meantime it has been requested that the Board consider how it wishes to deal with this matter at the current meeting.

(e) **NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK**

A number of community groups actively supported "Neighbourhood Week" during 2-8 March.

Three groups in the Wattle Drive, Sandy Avenue, Travis Road area met for a combined barbecue evening.

Southshore Residents' Association ran a barbecue evening and nurtured a good community spirit. The Windsor/Westhaven Residents' Association also entered into the spirit of this special week.

The Service Centre assisted in funding some of these events.

(f) **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH AWARDS**

Community Service and Youth Awards nominations have been publicly advertised in the Pegasus Post. Nominations will be open for the month of April and close on Friday 1 May 1998.

(g) **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**

A meeting of the Working Party to assess the feasibility of a pedestrian access through Burwood School and the All Saints Church was held on Thursday 5 March 1998. The minutes are attached (*page 37*).

(h) **NORTH NEW BRIGHTON WAR MEMORIAL HALL INTERIM EVALUATION REPORT**

A seminar meeting of the Board was held on Wednesday 18 March 1998 to discuss the North New Brighton War Memorial Hall Interim Evaluation Report. The minutes are attached (*page 39*).

(i) **CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL PLAN: 1998 EDITION**

As part of its ongoing community consultation process the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board has initiated a meeting in May to allow community groups to formulate submissions to the Christchurch City Council Plan: 1998 Edition. It may be appropriate for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to host a meeting of this type as well.

(j) **PUBLIC DISCUSSION DOCUMENT: TOWARDS A CODE OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY**

A public meeting has been arranged to consider responses to the public discussion document: Towards a Code of Social and Family Responsibility. This meeting is to be held in the Aranui High School Hall on Thursday 16 April 1998, commencing at 7.00pm and is a discussion forum jointly hosted by the Hagley/Ferrymead and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards.

The purpose of the discussion forum includes:

- (i) An exchange of views and information to enable residents to make more informed decisions.
- (ii) Encouraging community responses to the Discussion Document.
- (iii) Encouraging community submissions in addition to the formal response form included as part of the Discussion Document.

Jane Higgins, Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Canterbury, will be in attendance at the discussion forum to discuss points of interest in the public discussion document.

Some 600 invitations have been sent out to community organisations in the Burwood/Pegasus and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board areas.

(k) **AEROSOL ART SCHEME**

The Burwood/Pegasus sector of the Legal Art Works Project developed by the Council's Community Arts workers will commence shortly. Local taggers have been identified through such organisations as Police Youth Aid and encouraged to join the Aerosol Art Scheme. Participants will join three workshops to learn and develop improved art skills through to understanding art expression. Once the workshops are complete they will carry out a site project on the two play walls on Wainoni Park. Currently each play wall is plastered with graffiti. This project will occur on Friday 24 and end on Sunday 26 April.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That a public meeting, to allow community groups to make submissions to the Christchurch City Council Plan: 1998 Edition, be held on Monday 11 May 1998 in the Boardroom, Shirley Service Centre at 7.00 pm.

18. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Time will be allocated at **6.00 pm** for Residents' Association representatives to address the Board on local matters.

19. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Attached (*page 41*).

MONDAY 6 APRIL 1998

4.00 PM

BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceeding of this meeting, namely, item 20.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	REASONS FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO EACH MATTER	GROUND(S) UNDER SECTION 48 (1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
20	Vacancy on Hillary Commission Assessment Committee	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48 (1) (a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item 20 Protection of Privacy of Natural Persons (Section 7 (2)(a))

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the foregoing motion be adopted.

Note

Section 48 (4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put in a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)-
 - (a) Shall be available to any members of the public who is present; and
 - (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

**D C Dobbie
CHAIRMAN**