

## 24. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

- 24.1 A resumé of the Board's 1998/99 discretionary expenditure to date is attached for information (*see page 67*).
- 24.2 For members information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached (*see page 69*).
- 24.3 Attached for members information is a schedule of Board, Subcommittee, and Working Party meetings to be held during 1999 (*see page 71*).
- 24.4 **FUNDING REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT ARBORIST - THOMSON PARK**

A letter has been received from Sarah Beaven of Marine Parade relating to the costs incurred in obtaining an independent opinion on the removal of trees from Thomson Park.

Sarah chaired a group of local residents who were concerned at the proposed tree removal and with the support officers and Board members revisited the proposal with the help of an outside advisor.

The sum requested is \$281.25 as per an account submitted by Budds Tree & Garden Services Ltd.

It would be appropriate for the Board to financially assist this community group in their efforts to address community concerns.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$281.25 from its Community Response Fund towards the costs of an independent Arborists assessment of the Thomson Park Trees.