

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 BUS SERVICE REVIEW

The following letter was received from Wayne Holton-Jeffreys, Passenger Services Manager, Canterbury Regional Council regarding a bus service review:

“The Canterbury Regional Council is currently undertaking a service review of the following bus services prior to contracts expiring in March 2000.

<i>New Brighton/Southshore (5)</i>	<i>Monday to Sunday</i>
<i>Mall Link (trial service) (6)</i>	<i>Monday to Friday</i>
<i>Parklands/New Brighton (10)</i>	<i>Monday to Sunday</i>
<i>Dallington (11)</i>	<i>Monday to Saturday</i>
<i>North Beach (19)</i>	<i>Monday to Sunday</i>
<i>Shorelink (trial service)</i>	<i>Monday to Friday</i>

The review process is undertaken to ensure that these bus services continue to meet community needs. Consultation with community boards, residents groups and other interested members of the public is therefore an essential part of this review process.

Accordingly, the Regional Council seeks submissions from the Board regarding improvements to the above bus services. These comments will be incorporated into an issues and options paper and presented to Councillors later this year. From this, any specific improvements identified will be presented back to the community for comment. These will be forwarded on to you at this time for your feedback.

As all services in the north-east of the city now have their contract periods coinciding at the same time, it is likely that these services will be contracted out for five years.

*Any suggestions should be received by the Regional council no later than **Monday 12 April 1999** (dependent on meeting dates).*

For your information copies of the timetables for the above services, as well as a system route map will be tabled at the Board meeting. If required, Delis Aston (Operations Planner) is able to attend a Community Board meeting to clarify any questions you may have, and to hear your comments.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: For discussion.

5.2 SAND DUNES

The following letter was received from Dave East regarding sand dunes along the North Beach/New Brighton section of the coast line:

“On behalf of a number of North Beach residents (who at this stage could be referred to as the Sand Dune Action Group, as no official name has been struck) I would like to request speaking rights at the April Community Board meeting to acquaint Board members with our concerns and present information for the Board to consider.

It is our ultimate objective to have conditions of the current Resource Consent reviewed (for the North Beach and New Brighton areas only) to enable the creation of an environment that is more in keeping with the “Garden City, the City that Shines” image.

We are of the mind that few Councillors and Community Board are fully aware of the magnitude of the sand dunes along the North Beach/New Brighton section of the coastline and are optimistic that the presentation we are proposing will encourage members to support our call for a review of the current Resource Consent that a present prevents any realistic treatment of our coastline to create a positive environment for local residents and a coastline that is an asset to the city.”

**Chairperson’s
Recommendation:** For discussion.

5.3 JET SKIS AND POWER CRAFT IN THE ESTUARY

The following letter was received from Kevin Laredo, South New Brighton Residents’ Association regarding the problem of jet skis and power craft operating in the Estuary:

“I am writing to you on behalf of the Residents’ Association to ask the Community Board to look at the problem of jet skis and power craft operating in the Estuary.

We know that the Estuary and environment are the joint concern of the Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Regional Council but we would like you, the Community Board, to discuss this matter at your next Board meeting.

We feel the Councils should be encouraging passive recreation in the Estuary.

At present we have problems with jet skis which are operating outside their designated area upstream of the Avon and at high speeds near the shoreline.

We have major concerns in many areas, those being noise, the danger to innocent bystanders and the endangerment of birdlife and wildlife in the Estuary.

We see the Council being concerned about the protection of the Estuary and surrounding wetlands and feel that jet skis and any powered craft do not have a place in this environment.

We would like to be able to have speaking rights at your next meeting to explain the concerns we have raised.”

**Chairperson’s
Recommendation:** For discussion.