

## 21. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE-REPORT OF 7 DECEMBER 1999

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the **following** report and recommendations of the Committee's meeting held on 7 December.

**Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Safety Committee  
held at 8.00 am on Tuesday 7 December 1999  
at Aikmans Road (site visits) and then at the Elmwood School Library**

**PRESENT:** Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Pat Harrow, Keith Nuttall, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall

Sally Buck and Pat Harrow arrived at 8.50 am and were not present for clauses 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2. AIKMANS ROAD – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL**

At its meeting on 23 November, the Board decided that the kerb and channel renewal project for Aikmans Road be referred to the Committee including the matter of redundant road widening as raised by several of the local residents.

The Committee undertook a site visit to view the street and the properties involved and to discuss issues with the residents at first hand. The properties visited were No 14 Aikmans Road (Miles Ritchie), 110 Aikmans Road (Mr and Mrs Ross Alexander) and No 114 Aikmans Road (Mrs Annan).

On the matter of options other than the proposed provision of Pin Oaks as the main street tree, officers submitted the following choices, all of which are deciduous:

Magnolia robur	Tree Magnolia	Flowers
Gleditsia tricanthios 'Sunburst'	Honey Locust	Delicate yellow green leaves
Fraxinus excelsior 'Aurea'	Golden Ash	Yellow autumn foliage
Cornus nuttalii	Dogwood	Flowers
Pyrus calleryana	Flowering pear	Flowers, autumn colour
Paulownia tomentosa	Umbrella Tree	Flowers, big leaves

At the conclusion of the site visits the meeting reconvened at the Elmwood School Library.

Several members indicated that their previous view was to retain and utilise the Council land but now having inspected the area and acknowledging the impacts that resumption would have on the three properties involved, the general feeling was now not to utilise the land for beautification purposes as part of the project.

The alternative however was to ensure that a consistent high standard of planting was undertaken in the street and in this respect, the Committee with input from officers, reviewed the above tree list.

- Recommendations:**
1. That it be recommended to the Council that the land outside Nos 14, 110 and 114 Aikmans Road not be utilised as part of the upgrading of the road and that negotiations for the disposal of the land be commenced with the adjoining land owners.
  2. That the kerb and channel renewal project commence as soon as practicable and that officers decide on at least two street trees species from the submitted list along with appropriate undercover plantings.

**3. “REDUNDANT” ROAD WIDENING - UPDATE**

At the Board meeting on 23 November, the Community Advocate advised that most of the Merivale area had been reviewed regarding the options for use/retention/disposal of existing strips of “redundant” road widening. In this regard, a list of streets addressed by both the Board and the Council over the past few years was submitted for the Committee’s information.

A process of consultation relating to kerb and channel replacement in Waiwetu Street was currently underway and it was **agreed** to view this street for possible streetscape enhancement as part of the upcoming Board bus tour of inspection on 9 December.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**4. BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL – PARKING MANAGEMENT**

RR 11203

The Area Engineer reported on a successful meeting recently held with the Burnside High School to look at the combined use of a section of the proposed Aurora Centre carpark as a drop off and pick up area for school parents and their children.

The option agreed to by the School was to look to rearrange the parking area in the school grounds adjacent to Greers Road between the existing main entrance and the proposed new exit approximately 130 metres to the south. The architect had agreed to draw up the proposal without loss of carparks for inclusion in the contract tender documents for the Aurora Centre.

The co-operation of the School in reaching this outcome was gratefully acknowledged.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**5. SAWYERS ARMS ROAD – PROPOSED BUS STOPS**

RR 11204

Submitted for consideration and for recommending to the City Services Committee was a proposal for the installation of an additional two new bus stops in Sawyers Arms Road (a minor arterial road) to service the Bishopdale No. 15 bus route.

The Committee noted that steps had been taken to letterbox all property owners whose street frontage offered a suitable location for a bus stop on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road however none of the owners surveyed had indicated agreement to the request.

The **following** plan indicates the location of the proposed stops.

The Committee noted that the agreement of the residents had not been obtained but for reasons of service continuity felt that the locations proposed should be supported.

**Recommendation:** That it be recommended to the City Services Committee the installation of the following bus stops on:

- (a) The south side of Sawyers Arms Road commencing at a point 53.0 metres west of its intersection with Highsted Road and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres.
- (b) The south side of Sawyers Arms Road commencing at a point 46.0 metres east of its intersection with Cotswold Avenue and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres.

**6. NORTHERN ROADING OPTIONS SCOPING STUDY – UPDATE**

The Committee was provided with a copy of the update report made to the City Services Committee on 30 November and Keith Nuttall as the Board's representative on the stakeholder group also provided his perspective of discussions held to date.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**7. DRAFT SKATEBOARDING, INLINE SKATING AND FREESTYLE BMX CYCLING STRATEGY**

The Board on 23 November referred the draft strategy to the Committee for further consideration and report back.

Alan Bywater, Team Leader Leisure Planning, provided the Committee with an overview of the draft strategy, copies of which along with the full strategy document were circulated with the agenda.

Mention was made of the need to urgently address the inappropriate use of the new areas of Cathedral Square by skateboarders. The dual use of pathways, the provision of a circuit around Burnside Park and the “What’s The Big Idea?” proposal put forward by Medbury School were other suggestions worthy of pursuing.

**Recommendation:** That the draft Skateboarding, Inline Skating and Freestyle BMX Cycling Strategy be endorsed and the comments above be forwarded as the Board’s response.

**8. GROWING COMMUNITIES - ORGANIC RESOURCES FOR SOCIAL NEEDS**

At its meeting on 23 November, the Board referred this matter to the Committee for further consideration and report back.

Eric Park, Solid Waste Engineer was in attendance and he elaborated on the proposal in more detail.

The idea of the Council undertaking a brush collection akin to what was done in Madison Wisconsin, was referred to and the idea of starting allotments was suggested as being worthy of further investigation.

Active publicity and promotion and the involvement of community organisations such as Residents Groups, Service Clubs and Churches were also mentioned.

**Recommendation:** That the Growing Communities initiative be endorsed and that the above comments be submitted as the Board’s response.

The meeting concluded at 10.18 am

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.