

## 10. SALISBURY STREET RESERVE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on proposals for the development of a new reserve at the Salisbury and Barbadoes Street intersection.

### BACKGROUND

Board members will remember the Council purchasing the triangular piece of land on Barbadoes Street and Salisbury Street near Cambridge Terrace in 1995. This parcel of land has been informally called Salisbury Street Reserve by staff.

### PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING

In February this year the City Streets Unit completed the road stopping process for the stretch of Cambridge Terrace between the end of Salisbury Street and Barbadoes Street. It is now possible for this part of Cambridge Terrace to be closed. The Property Unit is undertaking the amalgamation of titles outside the esplanade reserve and the necessary process to have it placed under Reserves Act jurisdiction. This will be reported to the Board at a later date.

### LANDSCAPE PLAN OPTIONS

In 1996 the Parks Unit commissioned a landscape concept for the area which included the integration of the Salisbury Street Reserve with the riverbank in anticipation that the portion of Cambridge Terrace would eventually be closed. The reserve has had \$15000 allocated to it in the 1999/2000 budget and therefore some enhancement of the reserve can be carried out this financial year.

Since then the Waterways and Wetlands Team, through their asset management planning, have prepared a concept demonstrating how the site would be ideal for “daylighting” a pipe that lies under Salisbury Street. This would highlight the presence of a waterway which has excellent flow and which presently is hidden under the road, only becoming apparent where it spills into the Avon River from an historic brick barrel outfall.

Two draft landscape options will therefore be put out for public comment as ideas for the reserve. Aspects of each plan could be combined to provide a final concept that also takes on board the community’s ideas and aspirations. Staff intend to organise a workshop to encourage ideas and aspirations for the land and this will be held in late March/early April this year. The plan will also need to be fine tuned to fit within available budget.

### NAMING

**The community will also be asked for a suitable name for the land that is presently being called Salisbury Street Reserve or Barbadoes Street Reserve. It is anticipated that the depth of local knowledge of the area will result in some interesting naming suggestions for the reserve.**

## **CONCLUSION**

Exciting opportunities exist to enhance the new reserve on Barbadoes Street and integrate it with the Avon River and the historic Barbadoes Street Cemetery. The closure of the adjacent piece of Cambridge Terrace will enable the amalgamation of the reserve with the riverbank providing a highly aesthetic, recreational area for the community. The option of providing a stream and pond on the reserve will be explored as further elements of interest that could be developed.

Staff will endeavour to keep the Board involved.

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

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