



7. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 14 MARCH 2000

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2000.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Mike Mora and David Buist.

1. NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENTS FROM CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Two recent notified applications for resource consent, advertised by the Canterbury Regional Council, had come to the attention of this Committee.

The Committee had agreed to put in submissions, in opposition, to these applications.

Notice of the hearings date for one of the applications had been received and of a pre-hearing meeting for the second application.

The Committee **agreed** that the Board should be represented by the Board Chairperson and Committee Chairperson, accordingly.

2. JAMELL PLACE SILVER BIRCH STREET TREES

Some members have been approached by residents seeking Board reconsideration of its 30 June 1999 decision to retain the silver birch street trees in Jamell Place.

Some residents had previously petitioned the Board seeking the removal of the trees. Following a public meeting and a letterbox drop, the Board had decided (to recommend to the City Services Committee) to accept the Parks Unit opinion and the majority response (from the letterbox drop) to retain the trees.

At today's meeting, members discussed the wider issue of street trees; the questionnaires previously sent out sought responses to retention or removal. The possibility of selected removal (as happened following a resident deputation to the Board on Siska Place) was considered to be an appropriate option, also.

Resident deputation to the Community Board is also an option. It was **agreed** to undertake an on-site inspection of Jamell Place, to test the 'selected removal' theory immediately prior to the next Board meeting, at 4.00 pm.

All Board members would be invited, and this would allow full debate on this issue at the Board meeting itself.

3. ARBOR DAY

The Environmental Promotion Officer, Ms Kerry Everingham, was in attendance to discuss her report which sought Board involvement for the Year 2000 Arbor Day programmes.

In 1999 Community Boards were involved in different 'schemes'. This year the intention is to offer **all** schools the opportunity of plants for school planting programmes, within their school grounds, as part of their Arbor Day or Conservation Week activities; with the following proviso's:

- That they provide a planting plan
- That they place mulch over the planted area
- That they involve the children in the planting and maintenance of the plants provided
- That the messages learnt are followed up and reinforced within the classroom.

Once schools have registered their interest, and if they meet the criteria (above), a voucher will be sent to them; 'Trees for Canterbury' is offering a 50/50 deal of doubling the number of plants ordered free of charge.

Planting must be carried out this year around Arbor Day (5June) or during Conservation Week (6-12 August).

The Committee was very supportive.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Community Board support the Arbor Day schools programme.
 2. That \$2,000 be made available to participating schools, to be funded from the Board's 2000/01 Discretionary Fund.
 3. That the services of a landscape architect be offered to assist schools in their landscape plans, the cost of which is to be met from the Discretionary Fund \$2,000 amount.

4. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE/RELOCATION CURRENT REQUEST AND FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME

An on-site meeting had been held with residents adjoining the Upper Riccarton Domain, on 15 February.

The residents sought the relocation of the play equipment from its present site on the Yaldhurst Road frontage) to a new site near the Sayers Crescent frontage.

Another request had since been received concerning the Oakley Reserve, seeking an upgrade of the current equipment.

The Committee was in receipt of the Parks Unit playground renewal programme 2000/01 to 2003/04; Oakley Reserve was not on the programme.

The first real opportunity that the Board could have to advance or introduce new projects will be with the 2001/02 Annual Plan process, beginning later this year.

It was **agreed** that a review of playground equipment, within reserves in the two wards, should be undertaken by staff and reported back to this Committee.

5. PRIVATE OPEN PIT MANAGEMENT

At the recent Board meeting, the Committee Chairperson reported on the 16 February joint Christchurch City Council / Canterbury Regional Council meeting in respect of this issue.

The joint meeting has agreed to ask the Canterbury Regional Council Enforcement Section to take all practical steps to clean up the Owaka Road and Ablet sites, and to report back on progress to their next meeting (Wednesday 15 March).

Also, the suggestion that the Canterbury Regional Council and Community Board foster more mutual involvement in such issues was supported.

It was **agreed** that the Community Board Chairperson and Committee Chairperson again represent the Board at the meeting on 15 March; a report will be furnished to the Board meeting on Wednesday 29 March.

Committee Chairperson's Update:

At the joint CRC/Christchurch City Council committee meeting held on 29 March, the members affirmed the need for on-site inspections of all private pit sites in the Wigram ward.

Board members will be advised of the inspection when dates have been finalised.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

1. That the Board endorse the Committee decision that it be represented at the Canterbury Regional Council hearings by the Chairperson and Committee Chairperson.
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