

15. RICHMOND HILL ROAD

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Corporate Plan Output: Various	

The purpose of this report is to seek Board support for a joint project between City Streets and Water Services Units for Richmond Hill Road and Nayland Street. The project involves a new process and timeline to coordinate the wide range of issues associated with the area.

BACKGROUND

The kerb and channel in the lower section of Richmond Hill Road is due for renewal in 2000/2001. City Streets Unit undertook public consultation and produced a scheme plan that went out to the community as a publicity leaflet in May / June this year.

Water Services produced a brief overview of the Richmond Hill Catchment area, focusing on stormwater and flood management in June 2000 that led to the need for a combined project.

A Community Board Focus Meeting was held at the Linwood Service Centre in September 2000 where a proposal for a combined City Streets / Water Services project for the lower section of Richmond Hill Road was outlined. At this meeting some strong views opposing this proposal were expressed and the Board requested that a report be prepared listing the process and timeline for consultation for a joint project.

The Board request resulted in a combined meeting of Council Officers from both City Streets and Water Services Units. The result was the development of a new process and timeline to address the concerns raised by the Board and the Community.

PRESENT POSITION

Council Officers from both City Streets and Water Services are working together to achieve an integrated project which meets the City Plan objectives and Community needs. It is suggested that the best process is to withdraw all proposed plans / designs and to start a full consultation process beginning with a community workshop.

It is also suggested that it would be effective to widen the scope of the new project to include the following aspects: kerb and channel renewal in both lower Richmond Hill Road and Nayland Street, removal of the large old trees in both streets, enhancement of the streets, Waterways restoration, flood and stormwater management in this area and recreational issues in the general area.

BUDGET

City Streets	2000/2001	Kerb and channel renewal Richmond Hill Road (lower) (proposed to reprogramme to 2001/2002)	\$150,000
	2001/2002	Kerb and channel renewal Nayland Street (Wakefield to Marriner)	\$367,600
Water Services		Intend to carry forward present budget into next financial year	\$260,000

TIMELINE FOR NEW PROJECT

Initial Publicity leaflet –	describing the area to be covered by the project and inviting the Community and Board to a Community workshop.	Early November
Community Workshop –	at the Sumner Community Hall	End November
Publicity Leaflet -	Showing a scheme design and outlining the proposals.	

Confirmation of Water Services funding

Final Scheme Plan Approval	May 2001
Construction tendered	Aug 2001
Construction	Beginning October 2001

The first step in the process is to obtain Board approval to withdraw all previous plans and to proceed with a joint project for the area. The timeline will be dependent on the outcome from the Community workshop and some flexibility has been allowed for in this process.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the present proposals by City Streets and Water Services Units be withdrawn.
 2. That the Board support the process and timeline as outlined in the report.
 3. That the Board become an integral part of the Community process of involvement in the joint project.
 4. That an interim report on the progress of the Community involvement come to the Board in February.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion.