

13. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 12 MARCH 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Monday 12 March 2001.

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

Ishwar Ganda was also in attendance as were Martin Maguire, Roger Cave, Rod Whearty and Paul Burden.

1. JAMELL PLACE STREET TREE MEDIATION

In view of the fact that we were not able to secure an assurance from the City Services Committee to support any mediation outcomes that the Board had brokered in respect of this issue, the Community Board had referred it on to today's meeting for further consideration.

The Committee **agreed** with a proposal that:

- Jamell Place is to be "well-treed".
- The silver birches will be replaced, totally, over a specified period of time.
- That the replacement trees be of a more suitable species and of semi-mature height.

The Committee **also agreed** that the Community Advocate, in the first instance, have discussions with the spokesperson of the two groups involved.

2. STREET TREE PLANTING PROCESS/PROGRAMME

Messrs Paul Burden and Rod Whearty were in attendance to assist the Committee.

It was agreed that new street planting was an important issue, with many streets identified for possible planting.

Progress (and successes) in this over the past couple of years had not been very positive.

The Committee **agreed** that the Parks Unit be requested to supply a list of recently-completed streets, what was programmed, and other requirements of the City Streets Unit be advised to the Committee so that the Committee can identify streets which it wishes to fund for streetscape works.

3. 2001/02 PROJECT FUND ALLOCATION

The Community Board had allocated a total of \$50,000 to this Committee.

Ongoing consideration of projects will take place.

4. 2000/01 PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee received a full schedule of current projects; this information is provided to each meeting of the Committee.

5. JANE DEANS CLOSE, LOCAL RESERVE

During a recent inspection tour members had visited Jane Deans Close following a resident request to the possibility to place/develop a local reserve.

It was agreed, at that time, that this project could not be supported as a high priority; there are many other park-related locations that the Board would accord a higher priority to.

Members were now aware that the Parks Unit had recently visited the site, and had offered a (possible) higher priority for this work than was previously agreed to.

It was **agreed** that the Parks Unit be requested to provide comment on the proposal.

6. HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES: HEALTH CONCERNS

A recent article in a local newspaper, on this issue, prompted some discussion.

It was **agreed** that a letter be sent to Environmental Policy and Planning Unit asking that building/development restrictions be placed in a 'corridor' under the line of power pylons where possible.

7. HONORARY WARDENS

More information was sought on the duties of honorary wardens, and whether there needed to be more appointed to assist in local park management.

8. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17 April 2001, 4.00 pm.

Recommendation: That the report be received.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the report be received.
 2. That the issue of high voltage power lines/health concerns be included into the order paper for the April meeting of the Committee for further consideration.