

6. **WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF THE 16 JULY 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee's meeting as follows.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday 16 July 2002 at 7.30am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley,
George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku and Barbara Stewart.

Sally Buck, Pat Harrow and Barbara Stewart departed at 8.42am for the Council's Annual Plan 9.00am meeting and were present for clauses 2 and 3 (part).

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Mike Wall.

2. REQUESTS TO REMOVE TREES

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate outlined details of requests received for the removal of trees at Stretton Reserve (Chinese Necklace Poplar), Burnside Park (group of 8 oak trees) and on the road reserve at Lavandula Crescent (2 eucalyptus and 3 native trees).

In its consideration of the three requests, the Committee utilised the assessment process adopted by the Board on 2 July 2002.

The **interim** decisions that follow reflect the outcome of those considerations. Staff were asked to convey the Committee's intentions to the applicants who as part of the adopted process would be provided with the opportunity to address the Committee at a later stage, if they so wished before a recommendation was then formulated for referral to the Board.

2.1 Stretton Reserve

That the Chinese Necklace Poplar not be removed.

Note: Sally Buck asked that her vote be recorded against the above interim decision.

2.2 Burnside Park

That the group of 8 oak trees not be removed.

2.3 Lavandula Crescent Road Reserve

That the group of 2 eucalyptus and 3 native trees not be removed.

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate undertook to investigate whether a deciduous tree could be planted as a replacement for one to be removed and that if achievable, he would report back to the Committee in the first instance.

Comment was also made on the need to continue to publicise the Board's long held approach to tree preservation and tree planting thereby maintaining a heightened public awareness and hopefully a lessening in the number of tree removal requests being received.

2.3 Chateau Drive

With regard to the matter of trees at the entrance to Jellie Park, the Parks and Waterways Advocate updated the Committee on his dialogue with local residents and of the intention to bring a proposal to the Committee in due course.

3. EDGAR MACINTOSH PARK – CONIFER TREES

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported back on the results of the consultation with local residents over the earlier requested removal of two conifer trees on Edgar Macintosh Park.

The Committee was advised that the majority of respondents were not opposed to the trees being removed.

It was noted that the position of the Committee previously was that the trees remain and that the situation be reviewed again in five years time.

The Committee was also advised that progress was being made in developing a city wide planting strategy and as part of this process input from Community Boards would be sought. Specific mention was made of the need for the strategy to cover such matters as planting adjacent to boundaries particularly residential properties, the removal and replacement policies and procedures for trees adjacent to boundaries and conditions which should relate to subdivision approvals adjacent to established wooded parks areas.

It was **agreed** that these matters be brought to the attention of the appropriate staff for consideration as part of the strategy development at this stage.

Recommendation: That the two conifers in Edgar Macintosh Park bordering No's 47 and 49 Torquay Place not be removed and that the situation be reviewed again in five years time.

4. STEWARTS BUSH RESERVE – MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Further to the various decisions made by the Board on 4 June 2002, the Parks and Waterways Area Advocate outlined the actions taken to improve the frequency and standard of maintenance in the immediate vicinity of the two gum trees. Maintenance tidying of the trees themselves was also in hand.

Recommendations:

1. That the information be received.
2. That those residents who had expressed concerns be surveyed on the work undertaken and the results reported back to the Committee along with a further review of the trees and comments on a replacement programme.

5. BECMEAD SUBDIVISION - STREET TREES

It was recalled that at the site visits undertaken by the Committee on 10 May 2002, further information was requested regarding subdivisional street tree policies and the tree planting programme; this being in response to the residents request for the Board to fund the planting of trees in their street ahead of the Council's 2004/05 programme.

The Committee was informed that 15 other streets lay ahead in the programme. As such it was generally felt that funding support from the Board ran the risk of creating a precedent. Accordingly, the allocation of Board funds was not supported.

Staff were asked to circulate details of the current years street tree programme for the Board's area.

Recommendation: That the request for Board funding be declined as the street in question does not have a priority higher than other streets already in the Council's street tree programme.

6. WATSONS ROAD – SPEED LIMIT - UPDATE

Brian Neill from the City Streets Unit sought the support of the Board for changes to the existing 70km/h speed limit in Watsons Road as earlier considered by the Committee in April 2002.

The accompanying report outlined the process involved in the setting of speed limits and of the survey results undertaken in late May and early June to assess vehicle speeds in both Watsons and Waimakariri Roads.

Due to a change in the character of the road approximately half way along Watsons Road there was a strong case for lowering the speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h through the 'residential'

section to the Waimakariri Road intersection. A similar adjustment in Waimakariri Road was not being recommended as there was little change in the road environment.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board supports a change in the speed limit along the 'residential' section of Watsons Road from the present 70km/h to 50km/h.
 2. That the residents be informed of the proposed change in speed limit which, along with other changes to speed limits on roads in the city, will be considered by the Council later this year.

7. COX STREET – PARKING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW

The Consultation Leader (Brian Boddy) submitted a report requesting that the Board approve the continuation of the existing two hour parking restriction on both sides of Cox Street for its full length.

The results of a survey of residents showed that a majority supported the status quo restriction principally because the carriageway was too narrow to accommodate parking on both sides of the street.

Recommendation: That the existing parking restriction limiting the parking of vehicles to a maximum period of 120 minutes on both sides of the full length of Cox Street remain.

8. PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT – ORBITER SERVICE

The Community Advocate provided the Committee with details of ECan's decision not to extend the Orbiter bus service to include the Bishopdale Shopping Centre. This followed the Board's earlier submission to that Council's Annual Plan (Looking Ahead – 2002 – 2011) where the matter had again been raised for Ecan's consideration.

Members were also advised that through the City Council's own Annual Plan process it was intended that the issue of extending the Orbiter bus route to encompass the Bishopdale Shopping Centre and other Council facilities be referred to the CCC/ECan Public Transport Joint Working Party.

Recommendation: That the area representatives from Environment Canterbury, and also the Bishopdale Merchants' Association, be invited to discuss with the Committee a change in the Orbiter bus route to include the Bishopdale Shopping Centre.

9. SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **agreed** that the September meeting date be changed to Thursday 12 September 2002 at 8.00am (previously 19 September).

The meeting concluded at 9.29am.

Deputy Chairman's

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