

4. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 30 MAY 2005 MEETING**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 30 May 2005 meeting.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Peter Laloli, Mike Mora, Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

Apologies were received and accepted from Helen Broughton and Lesley Keast.

1. FERRIER PARK TREE SURVEY AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

In September 2004 a report was submitted to the Community Board requesting removal of a poplar tree from the reserve (adjacent to a property at 31 Balrudry Street). The other recommendation of the report was to undertake a wider and more comprehensive survey and consultation concerning the trees in the reserve.

A tree survey of the whole reserve has been undertaken over the summer months and the results summarised. A planting plan has been discussed with a landscape architect and is currently at the conceptual stage. No consultation with the community has been undertaken at this stage.

The layout of the tree population is essentially perimeter planting with an avenue along either side of the walkway. The poplar trees are of particular concern with fourteen identified as potentially hazardous due to their size, situation and the nature of the species.

Other tree issues include mature, semi-mature and juvenile trees in poor condition, and their removal has been identified in a second stage of work.

There is also general maintenance (pruning and removal) which needs to be undertaken, as well as monitoring.

A comprehensive programme of tree removal is considered a better asset management option.

3. **PROJECT FUNDS 2004/05 UPDATE**

With the balance of Project Funds being \$25,500, the Committee noted that its recommendation to Wycla Park would leave the balance of unallocated funds as \$15,500.

The Committee was supportive, in principle, of the Denton Park Information Kiosk and the Upper Riccarton Domain Tennis Club funding requests, and two (tabled) requests from Orana Park. Advice was sought from staff on these requests.

The ongoing maintenance of information kiosks was of concern; advice would be sought from the staff, in the first instance.

4. **OWAKA PIT: NOTICE OF ENFORCEMENT**

With the recent appeal of the resource consent, the Committee expressed concern in relation to the need for monitoring and enforcement where appropriate. A recommendation is recorded under clause 6 of this report.

5. **HERITAGE WEEK, 7-14 OCTOBER 2005**

The Committee **agreed** to support Heritage Week, this year's theme being "Restoration – Hands on Heritage".

A full report on this would be considered at the 27 June meeting of the Committee.

6. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

(a) That the Community Board **approve**:

- (i) the removal of the 11 poplar trees (identified on the western and eastern boundaries) in Ferrier Park, as high priority during the winter period 2005.
- (ii) the removal of the remaining 8 poplar trees and 12 miscellaneous streets in Ferrier Park, as a medium priority during the summer/autumn period 2005/06; this is based on the arborist report which has identified these trees as being of a high hazardous rating.
- (iii) that all the above trees be "tagged", and that this staged removal programme be fully explained in the start work notice (for the 11 poplar trees).
- (iv) that the notice also refer to the detailed landscape plan and community consultation process in regard to the replacement planting programme for the Park; this information would be circulated for community consultation, with the planting to be undertaken over one planting season during the autumn/winter 2006.
- (v) that \$10,000 to the Wycla Park Redevelopment Plan be funded from the 2004/05 (Committee) Project Fund.

(b) That the Community Board **request** the Council's Environmental Services Unit to consider all necessary steps for enforcement of Abatement Notices pertaining to operations of the Owaka Pit site, and work with Environment Canterbury in carrying out enforcement activities as appropriate.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee's recommendations be adopted.