



Christchurch City Council

**HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD
RECESS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2007

11.00 AM

**IN THE BOARDROOM
LINWOOD SERVICE CENTRE
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Christchurch City Council Democracy Services

Memorandum

Date: 20 December 2007
From: Fiona Shand, Community Board Adviser
To: Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Recess Committee

Request of The Tramway Historical Society Inc

I have received a letter dated 27 November 2007 from the Tramway Historical Society Incorporated requesting permission to open the northern part of the reserve line on Sunday 6 January 2008 between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. The reason for the request is to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Ferrymead Tramway.

This letter was tabled as correspondence at the meeting of the Community Board on 12 December 2007. The Board agreed to refer the matter to the Recess Committee for consideration.

Background

Under a 1978 agreement, and as noted in the Ferrymead Reserves Management Plan, the Society is required to seek permission of the Council before opening the blocked northern section of the tramline. Mr Wright must be informed of the request before a decision is made.

The Ferrymead Reserves Management plan, Part Two, Administration, section 8 states:

(8) " The Tramway Historical Society shall adhere strictly to the 1978 agreement which governs the operation of the tramline through Ferrymead Reserve.

Comment: The Reserves Hearing Panel recognises that the Tramway Historical Society is a responsible body and is confident that its executive will put into place the measures necessary to ensure that this condition is strictly complied with and that no 'technical' breaches of the agreement occur in the future.

The agreement states that:

"the block across the line will be locked and the key held by the Council and that the key will be released to the Ferrymead Trust only when specified approval has been given by the Council or by such subcommittee as shall have the power delegated to it, for trams to operate on the portion of line beyond the block, and that Mr Wright be advised on all occasions before approval is given."

The last time the northern section of the tramline was opened was for two days in January 2000 marking the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Ferrymead Tramway. Prior to this, the line was opened in 1997.

The Request

Tramway Historical Society Incorporated has requested permission to open the northern part of the reserve line on Sunday 6 January 2008 between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. The reason for the request is to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Ferrymead Tramway.

In discussion with the Society's secretary, Dave Hinman, I have been advised that in addition to running trams on Sunday 6 January 2008, it will also need to run a maintenance check on the tram line on or around Sunday 28 December 2007. The Society is prepared to be flexible about the timing of this work to cause least possible disturbance to Mr Wright.

I am further advised that on Sunday 6 January the Society will operate four trams, one steam tram and three electric. It is likely that in total for the day there will be between 10 and 15 tram trips on the line. Although the Society has requested the line be open from 10 am, it is prepared to start later if this would reduce disturbance to Mr Wright.

One large tram which I understand caused particular concern to Mr Wright no longer operates on the line.

Health and Safety

I have been advised that the Society has a Safety System for the operation of the tramline, which is registered with Land Transport New Zealand. This apparently includes the extended area of the line they are seeking to have opened.

The Society has public liability insurance to the value of \$2 million.

Notice

A letter was sent by courier to Mr Wright on 19 December 2007. The letter invites Mr Wright to contact me directly with any concerns he might have about the request or the meeting. Mr Wright has asked to be able to speak to the meeting, and approval has been given.

Issues

The Recess Committee needs to decide whether to grant approval to the Society for the operation of the trams on the currently closed section of the tramline on the reserve. In making this decision the Recess Committee should be cognisant of the following:

1. There is a long history of concern on the part of Mr Wright and the operation of the trams on the Ferrymead Reserve, including whether damage is caused to his property by the operation of the trams and noise issues.
2. There was a delay on my part in advising Mr Wright of the request. A letter was sent by courier on 19 December 2007, but this only allows Mr Wright one day to object to the proposal.



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HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD