



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 9.30AM ON THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Bob Parker (Chairperson).
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, David Cox, Yani Johanson, Claudia Reid, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff, Mike Wall, Sue Wells, Chrissie Williams and Norm Withers.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Corbett.

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Shearing, seconded by Councillor Wall, that the apology be accepted.

2. REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2008 – 2009: ADOPTION OF FINAL PROPOSAL

In discussion of this report some members highlighted issues to be noted (for the purposes of clarity), as follows:

- Note that the report to the Hearings Panel should be amended to state that members had a number of workshops and discussions prior to the development of the Initial Proposal.
- Note that no submissions were received supporting the issue of voting for members on an 'at large' basis rather than ward basis.
- Note that the 2003 poll on the electoral system was in favour of the First Past the Post (FPP) system.
- Note that with respect to paragraph 52 of the staff report, the words "there was no indication from Councillors" should be deleted and replaced with "the majority of Councillors", and the division from the Hearings Panel discussions should be recorded.

The Mayor moved:

1. *That the recommendations of the hearings panel contained in its report (Attachment A) be adopted.*
2. *That the following proposal apply for the Christchurch City Council for the elections to be held in 2010 and subsequent elections until altered by a subsequent decision:*
 - (a) *That the Council continue to comprise 13 elected members elected from 7 wards, and the Mayor.*
 - (b) *That the Council continue to retain the existing ward names and communities of interest with the existing seven ward structure comprising the following wards: Spreydon/Heathcote; Riccarton/Wigram; Fendalton/Waimairi; Shirley/Papanui; Burwood/Pegasus; Hagley/Ferrymead, and Banks Peninsula.*
 - (c) *That the proposed boundaries of the 7 wards be as shown on the map attached as Attachment C, based on proposed boundary changes to four wards that include shifting the Janet Stewart Reserve from the Burwood/Pegasus ward to the Shirley/Papanui ward.*
 - (d) *That the population represented in each ward be as follows:*

	Population	No of councillors per constituency	Population per councillor	Deviation from region average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from region average population per councillor
<i>Riccarton/Wigram Ward</i>	58,620	2	29,310	+2,507	+9.35
<i>Shirley/Papanui Ward</i>	57,657	2	28,829	+2,026	+7.56
<i>Burwood/Pegasus Ward</i>	57,768	2	28,884	+2,081	+7.77
<i>Hagley/Ferrymead Ward</i>	55,272	2	27,636	+833	+3.11
<i>Spreydon/Heathcote Ward</i>	54,051	2	27,026	+223	+8.3
<i>Fendalton/Waimairi Ward</i>	56,901	2	28,451	+1,648	+6.15
<i>Banks Peninsula Ward</i>	8,166	1	8,166	-18,637	-69.53
Totals	348,435	13	26,803		

3. That there be communities and Community Boards in Christchurch City as follows:
- (a) That there continue to be eight Community Boards, one for each ward, except with two for the Banks Peninsula ward.
 - (b) That the names of the existing Community Boards remain the same as for each of the existing wards, namely Riccarton/Wigram Community Board; Shirley/Papanui Community Board; Burwood/Pegasus Community Board; Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board; Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board; except for the two Banks Peninsula Community Boards which will continue to be known as the Akaroa/Wairewa and the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Boards.
 - (c) That the boundaries of the Community Boards are contiguous with the ward boundaries, with the exception of the Banks Peninsula ward, as shown on the map attached as Attachment D.
 - (d) That each Community Board comprises five elected members.
 - (e) That each Community Board has two appointed members, being the two persons elected from time to time as members of the Council representing the ward in which that Community Board is situated, except for Banks Peninsula where one person elected from time to time as a member of the Christchurch City Council is appointed to both Boards.
 - (f) That the Community Boards not be subdivided for electoral purposes except for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board which shall be subdivided into two subdivisions, namely the Akaroa subdivision and the Wairewa subdivision.
 - (g) The community board for the Akaroa/Wairewa Community shall comprise: three members elected by the electors of the Akaroa Subdivision; two members elected by the electors of the Wairewa Subdivision; and the person elected from time to time as a member of the Council representing the Banks Peninsula Ward and appointed to the Community Board by the Council.
 - (h) That the population elected members of each Community Board represents will be as follows:

	Population	No of community board members per constituency	Population per community board member
<i>Riccarton-Wigram Community Board</i>	58,620	5	11,724
<i>Shirley-Papanui Community Board</i>	57,657	5	11,531
<i>Burwood-Pegasus Community Board</i>	57,768	5	11,554
<i>Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board</i>	55,272	5	11,054
<i>Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board</i>	54,051	5	10,810
<i>Fendalton-Waimairi Community Board</i>	56,901	5	11,380
<i>Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board</i>	5,448	5	1,090
<i>Akaroa-Wairewa Community Board</i>	2,718	5	544
Totals	348,435	40	

4. That public notice be given of the final proposals contained in this resolution, including the following reasons for the Council's decision:
- (a) The Council considers that the seven ward and eight Community Board structure which operated for the 2007 elections is the option which most effectively reflects communities of interest, and provides the most effective governance of the city and its communities.

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- (b) *The Council's Final Proposal will result in the election of the same number of councillors and community board members as elected at the 2007 elections. The Council considers that there is no reason to increase the number of elected members as the present system provides effective representative governance of the city and its communities.*
 - (c) *It is considered that communities should not be subdivided for electoral purposes except in the Akaroa/Wairewa community of the Banks Peninsula ward.*
 - (d) *The Council is unable to modify its Initial Proposal so that ward and community boundaries coincide with the boundaries of Canterbury Regional Council constituencies and/or parliamentary electorate boundaries, for the following reasons:*
 - (i) *The Canterbury Regional Council will not be undertaking a review of its boundaries again until 2010/2011*
 - (ii) *In carrying out its review the Council is required to independently decide its electoral arrangements, based on the guidelines for such reviews issued by the local Government Commission.*
 - (e) *The Council considers that the names of the existing wards and Community Boards reflect the principal communities or suburbs or geographical features within each ward and community.*
 - (f) *The Council considers that the Banks Peninsula community should be considered an 'isolated community' for representation review purposes.*
 - (g) *Calculating the population required to achieve fair representation for electors across the Council's district is in accordance with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Local Government Commission's Guidelines for Representation Reviews.*
 - (h). *The Council considers that movement of the northern boundary of meshblock 2503701 from the Styx River to the Lower Styx Road will achieve the objective of three submitters to regain the Janet Stewart Reserve within the Shirley/Papanui ward boundary, while meeting the concerns of another submitter to ensure no movement of population from the Burwood/Pegasus ward as a consequence of the transfer of the Reserve.*
5. *That in the Council's judgement, based on advice from staff, the process followed by the Council in this electoral review meets the requirements of Sections 76 to 78 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Part 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001.*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Withers and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** on Division No. 1 by 11 votes to 2, with the voting being as follows:

For (11): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Cox, Reid, Shearing, Sheriff, Wall, Wells, Withers and the Mayor.

Against (2): Councillors Johanson and Williams.

The meeting concluded at 9.48am.

CONFIRMED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2009

MAYOR