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**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD  
BYLAWS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
19 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Bylaws Review Subcommittee  
held on Wednesday 19 November 2009 at 5pm in the Board Room,  
corner Beresford and Union Streets, New Brighton.**

**PRESENT:** Linda Stewart (Chairperson), Nigel Dixon and Tim Sintes.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from David East and Tina Lomax.

The Subcommittee reports that:

**1. DRAFT PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY – BOARD SUBMISSION**

At its meeting on 12 October 2009, the Board granted its Bylaws Review Subcommittee authority to prepare a draft submission to the Christchurch City Council on its Draft Public Open Space Strategy.

The Subcommittee considered the contents of the proposed strategy and identified particular issues and perspectives for inclusion in a submission.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the attached submission on the Council's Draft Public Open Space Strategy be referred back to the Board for adoption.

The meeting concluded at 6.22pm.

**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040

**BY:** Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the Council's proposed Draft Public Open Space Strategy 2010-2040.

The Board supports the purpose and framework of the draft strategy of providing, developing and maintaining the city's public open spaces over the next 30 years.

The Board **does not** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

## 2. COMMENTS

The Board's views are as follows:

### 1. Is providing better access to new and existing open spaces over the next 30 years important to you?

Certainly, the Board concurs that this is the cornerstone of the strategy. How this can best be achieved is the challenge. In its area, the Board has the key recreation and sport facility of Queen Elizabeth II Park. Large events held there do place pressure on the immediate road network with parking and its associated impacts being a particular issue for local residents. Whilst supporting the continuation of such events the Board would like to see flexibility applied whereby open areas within the complex could be given over to provide temporary on site parking including the area currently occupied by the golf driving range.

Similarly, Travis Wetland nearby, particularly along the Travis Road frontage, is impacted on by these larger events at QEII with uncontrolled vehicle parking being a threat to the wetland's ecological values.

The Board will continue to advocate for improving the traffic and parking management measures for these significant areas of public open space.

### 2. How important is it to you that the Council provides the same level of public open space per person in urban Christchurch over the next 30 years as the population increases?

Yes, very important. As described in Goal 1, these areas define the character of Burwood/Pegasus – its coastline, beaches and immediate margins, its waterways especially the Avon River/Estuary corridor and the natural and cultural open spaces of the Bexley and Travis Wetlands.

### 3. Do you support the Draft Strategy's proposal to develop an increasingly connected network of open spaces across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula?

As set out Goal 1, the Board supports the draft strategy's intentions on this aspect.

**4. Please identify which activities you regularly use public open space for.**

Observed and recognised activities that occurs in public open spaces in the Burwood/Pegasus ward includes short walks, day walks, mountain biking, road biking, running, dog walking, relaxation, horse riding, kayaking/boating, BMX/skateboarding.

There are a wide range of social and organised sporting organisations and clubs utilising a variety of facilities in the Burwood/Pegasus ward. Some are unique such as the High Performance Centre of Excellence at QEII Park, orienteering at the Bottle Lake Forest Park and the Ascot Golf Course being the only public par 3 course in Christchurch.

Cultural activities and events make use of the city's open spaces. Examples being AFFIRM (Wainoni Park), Culture Galore (Ray Blank Park), Chinese New Year Celebrations (Victoria Square) and Christmas in the Park at Hagley Park.

Local examples include the Travis Wetland's education programmes, 'Buskers at New Brighton', the Guy Fawkes event at the New Brighton Pier, beach events and mountain biking at Bottle Lake Forest Park.

The heritage and environmental values and public access to local areas such as the coastal beaches, the Avon/Heathcote Estuary corridor, Bottle Lake Forest Park, and the Bexley and Travis Wetlands should be maintained, protected and enhanced through the strategy.

**5. What activity would you like to do more of in public open space?**

Activities that the Board would like to see more of include pedestrian walking linkages, provision and delivery of more open air concerts and suitable locations for the screening of outdoor movies. Public interest has been expressed in establishing a model boat club at QEII Park's ponds.

The Board also notes that the Dallington and Golf Links Residents' Associations have requested that an adult playground be provided at Burwood Park and have discussed suitability criteria and process with the Council's parks and recreation planning staff.

**6. Do you think there should be more public information available for everyone about how and where you can use public open spaces?**

The Board agrees that there should be more public information available about how and where public open spaces are located and accessed.

The Board seeks the provision of more signage, printed resources including maps and onsite interpretation panels along with supporting infrastructure/furniture such as seats, drinking fountains, and paths and walkways that can cater for pram users and those in wheelchairs.

**7. To what extent does the Banks Peninsula concept map provide for appropriate public open space opportunities?**

The Board notes the concept map for Banks Peninsula and endorses the actions taken to date to open up the intended areas to wider public access.

**8. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal for open space provision in regard to:**

**New neighbourhood parks in suburbs currently lacking parks.**

Agree.

**Priority areas for new sports parks**

Agree.

The Board fully supports the proposal for a perimeter walkway route (Page 31) which from the accompanying map traverses the existing key coastal, waterway and recreational spaces in Burwood/Pegasus.

**Improved recreation connections and routes**

Agree.

**9. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal for open space provision to:**

**Protect important natural landscapes, waterways and the coastline**

Agree.

**Enhance opportunities off major roads for recreation routes**

Agree.

**10. Do you agree with the Council's proposal for additional parks in the central City?**

Yes.

**Do you agree with the need for more tree planting and amenities along Central city streets?**

The Board agrees with the need for more tree planting and amenities along central city streets but with the proviso that this action does not compromise business viability and the functional efficiency of the roading network for all road users.

**11. Should Central City streets be more pedestrian friendly?**

Yes, the Board agrees with this objective. Existing areas that work extremely well in this regard are Oxford Terrace from Cashel Mall to Gloucester Street and the length of Worcester Boulevard.

**12. What could Council do to improve the use of public open space in areas like Cranmer Square and Latimer Square?**

The Board suggests that the following be considered for these areas:

- Information and signage such as 'You are Here' maps
- Public artworks
- Improved seating
- Shelter areas for people to meet and converse
- Drinking fountains
- Performing arts

**3. OTHER COMMENT**

From its consideration of the draft documents, the Board would comment that the matter of heritage locations and values are not clearly reflected in the proposed strategy. Some mention is made of the 'heritage places of Banks Peninsula' but what of other open space areas of heritage significance within metropolitan Christchurch like Mona Vale, the city cemeteries e.g. Addington, Barbadoes, Bromley, and the pre European history associated with such local locations as the South New Brighton/Estuary area?

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