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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
15 DECEMBER 2009**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. COLOMBO STREET BUS PRIORITY LANES



A deputation was received from a group of Sydenham business owners. They presented arguments in support of their opposition to the installation of bus lanes in the Sydenham shops area on Colombo Street. They were represented by Rebecca Wolt, solicitor, who presented a submission on their behalf in relation to the Bus Priority Project.

Ms Wolt presented arguments outlining their opposition to the bus lanes. In her opinion, the 2009 Bylaw does not empower the Council to establish and operate bus lanes.

Further, Eric McKenzie, manager of AMI Insurance, located at 428 Colombo Street, spoke to the Board in relation to the Bus Priority Project and presented his opposition to the introduction of the bus lanes on the basis of the loss of parking during crucial business operation times. In addition, he stated that in his opinion he considered that there was a lack of information to show that there was a huge increase in the volume of traffic or changes in traffic flows at different times of the day.

Further, Garry Knight, Sydenham business owner of Penny Lane Records, located at 461 Colombo Street, stated that in his opinion, the data presented did not support bus lanes outside the Sydenham shops and he highlighted problems with the parking plans. In addition, he stated that there would be a less negative impact on business operation if the bus lanes could be from 4.30pm to 6pm.

The Board **requested** that the submission received from the Sydenham business owners be given to the Council's Chief Executive as a matter of priority.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends to the Council:

- (a) That the times for the bus lanes on Colombo Street between the Bus Exchange and Brougham Street be changed to apply from 4pm to 6pm.
- (b) That the Sydenham Parking Plan changes are to be implemented prior to the construction of the Bus Priority Lanes in Sydenham.

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