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**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD
25 MARCH 2010**

**Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board
held on Thursday 25 March 2010 at 5pm in the Board Room,
corner Beresford and Union Streets, New Brighton.**

PRESENT: David East (Chairman), Nigel Dixon, Tim Sintes and Chrissie Williams.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Tina Lomax, Gail Sheriff and Linda Stewart.

The Board reports that:

PART C – REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

1. CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 – BOARD SUBMISSION

The Board considered the contents of the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/11 and identified particular issues and perspectives for inclusion in a submission.

The resulting **attached** submission refers.

The Board **resolved** to approve its submission to the Christchurch City Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/11.

The meeting concluded at 6.02pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL 2010

**DAVID EAST
CHAIRMAN**

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ATTACHMENT TO CLAUSE 1

SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council
ON: Draft Annual Plan 2010/11
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2010/11.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of this submission.

2. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

Proposed Operational Changes (page 14)

New Zealand Transport Agency

The Board notes the changes decided on by Central Government in relation to a shift in focus for the allocation of New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) funding and the resulting effects this will have on the Council's own intended programmes.

- Walking and Cycling Projects

The stated decrease in funding for walking and cycling projects over three years from \$2.508 million to \$0.51 million is a major concern to the Board.

It is not clear from the limited information available in the Draft Annual Plan which projects amounting to \$2 million are to be removed from the walking and cycling programme.

The Board would appreciate being advised of the affected projects not now likely to proceed as detailed in the LTCCP 2009-19.

- Travel Demand Management

As above, the Board would ask for details of what specific projects are affected by the NZTA funding reduction.

- Bus Priority Routes

The Board supports the Council's undertakings to complete the work already begun on the Queenspark route and also to carry out the New Brighton bus priority route (LTCCP Project #195) in years 2010/11 and 2011/12.

The Board however is concerned to note that the Metrostar bus route priority project is to be delayed by four years.

- Suburban Transport Interchanges

Throughout this present term, the Board has communicated its support regarding the Council's intentions to provide suburban bus interchanges across the city. A desire for New Brighton to be considered a high priority location for an interchange has been advocated on by the Board on a number of occasions.

It is therefore with deep disappointment that the Board now sees that through this Annual Plan, Council funding for suburban interchanges is being recommended for removal owing to the reduction in public transport subsidies.

The Board is opposed to this change as it will result in a significant delay in the Council's provision of enhanced facilities for existing and expected future bus users in those important suburban locations of the city.

Whilst the suburban interchanges (LTCCP#178) are mentioned in the text on page 14 of the Plan, there does not appear to be a corresponding budget reference to give effect to this change in the section of the Plan labelled 'Proposed Changes to LTCCP Capital Programme on pages 70 to 73.

The Board draws this to the attention of the Council as an apparent omission.

Subsequently, the Board noted that the Council had issued a revision to include details of this intended programme change in the Draft Plan.

Management Plans/Strategies

While not specifically covered on pages 14 and 15, the Board has recently been dealing with traffic related issues in Waitikiri Drive and what has emerged are a number of associated inter relationships with the nearby Bottle Lake Forest Park and its Management Plan prepared in 1999.

With adjacent urban development having occurred over the past decade and significant increased recreational usage being made of the Forest Park and the two nearby golf courses, the Board believes that the current management plan is in need of an overhaul and accordingly asks that a review of that plan, involving collaboration of the Board and staff, be given priority.

The Coastal Parks Strategy 2000/2010 is also about to be reviewed and the Board reiterates a desire that it, and other affected and interested community boards, be involved in that review process from the outset.

Proposed Capital Changes (page 16)

- QEII Sports House

The Board supports the added inclusion of \$285,000 in the Annual Plan towards the development of a "sports house" at Queen Elizabeth II Park.

Proposed Minor Changes (page 17)

- Recreation and Sport Centre Memberships

The Board supports the proposal to provide a monthly payment option for regular users of Council-owned recreation and sports centres as it should contribute to making these facilities more accessible to a greater number of people.

Planned Capital Programme (pages 74 to 93)

- Tsunami Signage (page 74, LTCCP Project #1)

The provision of \$20,000 for tsunami signage in 2010/11 is supported by the Board.

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The tsunami event experienced by the city in February 2010 and the subsequent outcomes of the Sumner public meeting convened by the Mayor, assisted in heightening general community awareness and interest in civil defence preparedness.

The provision of warning sirens appropriately located along the city's coastline emerged as a desired outcome from that meeting.

The Board supports the staged implementation of this important public safety initiative with a request that funding be included in the adopted Annual Plan.

- Pedestrian Safety Initiatives (page 88, LTCCP Project # 138)

The Board submits that the planned annual budget provision for pedestrian safety initiatives needs to be increased.

By way of background, the Board was approached on behalf of the local community requesting that the Council provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians on Mairehau Road in Parklands.

The Board received advice from staff that the number of such requests from across the city far exceeded the available annual budget which at the current level would only enable about three of these pedestrian facilities to be provided each year from a list of requests currently numbering some one hundred.

The point the Board wishes to emphasize is that such requests made to the Council from the community carry with them some emotion and expectation and it is unfortunate that the limited budget for these safety improvements does not enable the Council to respond to what is being asked for within a timeframe reasonably expected by the community.

Council Fees and Charges (page 131)

The proposal to increase fees for users of the QE II (Ascot) Golf Park is not supported by the Board.

Although the actual dollar increases proposed are not large they are high in percentage terms (ranging from 20 to 29%).

The Board submits that such increases will be detrimental, particularly for senior and younger users of the facility. The attraction of this public golf course is its par 3 format which best suits the needs and abilities of those who choose to play there.

3. Statement of Proposal to Amend Christchurch City Council's 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan re Christchurch City Networks Limited

The Board has no comment to make on this matter.

David East
Chairman
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