

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 9 October 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), L J Leadley, I J Burgess, J A Everest, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors R C Beavan and J A Kingsbury; Operations Manager, Roading & Street Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

Three members of the public attended.

APOLOGIES: Crs N A Brown and J A Sparks (absence) **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 21 August, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Burgess **Carried**

Matters Arising

Rakaia Underpass

The Operations Manager reported that the NZ Transport Agency has engaged service providers to look at all options, including an underpass. It is anticipated that the outcome will be known soon and the Committee will be updated at the earliest opportunity.

Mt Somers Reservoir

The Operations Manager confirmed that access has been granted and details relating to the cost of installing the tanks are being finalised with the contractor.

Change to Restricted Parking Times on Bus Zone – Allenton School, Allens Road

The Committee supported the request to change the restricted parking time outside Allenton School and further agreed that consideration be given to reviewing parking around schools generally. Cr Leadley referred to the increased traffic congestion in Harrison Street and suggested that Council use the legislation available to designate the area as a 'school zone'. Cr Tasker agreed to this approach and asked that it be extended to meet the needs of rural schools, in particular Mt Somers School which is located in a 70km speed zone.

The Roading and Street Services Manager was asked to report back on this matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

"1. That the time limit for restricted parking between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm at the bus stop on Allens Road, adjacent to Allenton School, be revised and that the restricted parking be at the following times, from Monday to Friday –

from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and from 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm

2. That the revised time limits for restricted parking be effective from Monday 13 October, 2008."

Leadley/Holmes **Carried**

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm on Saturday 15 November 2008, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club to hold a Gravel Sprint

RUTHERFORDS ROAD, from Lambies Road to Boyds Road.”

Reveley/Burgess

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Holmes/Reveley

Carried

Ashburton Business Estate

The Operations Manager reported that the possibility of crushing gravel on site is being investigated and may provide significant cost savings. The laying of the water main has been completed ahead of programme.

A report will be provided to Council on 30 October, on options for an external wastewater pipeline between the urban public system and the proposed business development.

The stormwater consent application is progressing and is awaiting the outcome of the ECan investigating officer’s report.

Aquatic Centre / Stadium

The Operations Manager advised that work is progressing on the detailed investigation of the six sites agreed to by Council, and that an additional site, and a ‘sub site’, have also been identified by the Stadium Trust for consideration. Mr Rouse said that investigation on some sites will be more detailed, depending on the site risks.

Cr Leadley expressed concern that when Council had been expressly asked to approve six sites, two further sites are being investigated without approval.

The Mayor said that the Trust will be requested to give the reason for this additional investigation. The Operations Manager confirmed that it is the Trust’s intention to report back to Council on all of the sites and a range of development options.

The Mayor left the meeting at 1.55 pm.

Lake Hood Public Toilets

The Operations Manager reported on the concept designs developed for the Lake Hood public toilets. Mr Rouse acknowledged that the proposed designs will need to be discussed with the Aquatic Park Trust. The placement of the mobility toilet in the centre of the block was questioned and this will be referred to the designers for clarification.

“That the Committee approves the design concept and layout for the four unisex and one mobility impaired toilet to be located at Lake Hood, subject to the design concepts being discussed with the Aquatic Park Trust.”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 2.05 pm.

State Highway Work

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that work has commenced on land purchase requirements for the work to be carried out at the SH77 and Winchmore Dromore Road intersection. Work on the local road part of this upgrade will be delayed until 2009/10.

Regional and National Land Transport Programmes

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that the Regional Transport Committee (formerly the Regional Land Transport Committee) will be consulting on its draft three year programmes in conjunction with ECan's LTCCP process. It was noted that 14 November 2008, is the date set for Ashburton District Council to have its programme completed and lodged. The draft programme will be referred back to the Committee on 20 November for confirmation and there will be opportunity for amendment through the consultation process.

Crash reports

Further information was sought on two crashes which occurred in succession on SH1 near Queens Drive. The Roading and Street Services Manager confirmed that there is a traffic congestion problem near this intersection and the flush median width is insufficient. This is being addressed by the NZ Transport Agency and it is likely that parking will eventually be removed.

Carriageway Lighting

Removal of obsolete poles where power has been under-grounded has been completed in Harrison Street and Cavendish Street.

Stranges Road / Grahams Road Intersection

Contract C531 has been let to Ashburton Contracting Ltd and the upgrade work is to be completed before the end of November. An agreement for land access has been signed with the adjacent land owner.

Public Conveniences

Reference was made to the proposed upgrade of the Tinwald Domain public conveniences for which funding has been carried over. The Domain Board believes that the cost of the upgrade will be less than the budget provision and has requested that the remaining funds be used to provide additional toilets of the same type at another location in the Domain.

The Roading and Street Services Manager confirmed that the work will be carried out under budget and agreed to follow up the request for additional toilets.

New Kerb & Channel

The schedule of footpaths identified for resurfacing will be circulated to Councillors.

Burnett Street Car Park

The Roading and Street Services Manager noted the Committee's concern that the new all day car park in Burnett Street is under utilised. More publicity will be given to the car park including a leaflet drop onto cars parked on streets in the vicinity.

Generators

The Operations Manager was reminded of the Committee's request for more information on the costs associated with generator installation. This will be followed up and reported back.

Water Pipeline Renewals

It was reported that there are no budget issues with this contract and the tender has been confirmed today.

Stormwater

It was reported that the scheme is operating satisfactorily and there were no issues of concern relating to flooding or the Mill Creek detention pond during the recent heavy rain events.

A section of the old brick archway was removed as part of the sewer main replacement in Chalmers Avenue and it is proposed that it will be reconstructed as a static display to recognise its historic importance. The structure will also be listed on Council's heritage schedule.

Waste Minimisation

The Operations Manager reported that use of crushed concrete and rubble for solid fill has been tested successfully at the compost and demolition site, significantly improving the site surface. Opportunities to use this material elsewhere is being investigated.

Transfer of Waste to Kate Valley

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported on the \$0.50 / tonne diesel fuel surcharge which has been applied by Transwaste to the users of Kate Valley. Mr Robertson said that advice was received yesterday that the level of surcharge has now been halved.

Vaughans Road Disposal Site

It was noted with concern that vehicle numbers recorded at the Methven clean fill and green waste site dropped significantly over the winter months. Trends will continue to be monitored.

Council Representatives on Rural Fire Forces

“That the Councillors appointed as representatives to the rural fire forces be:

Ashburton Rural	Cr Holmes	Hinds	Cr Reveley
Mayfield	Cr Tasker	Mt Somers	Cr Lowe
Pendarves	Cr Brown	Willowby	Cr Everest

Burgess/Leadley

Carried

Items transacted with the public excluded (2.47 pm)

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item no	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:
8.1	Confirmation of Minutes – 21/08/08 • Museum & Art Gallery Update [now in open meeting] • Award of Contract AM-AD10	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
8.2	Acton Stockwater Main	Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations

Burgess/Leadley

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Acton Stockwater Main – Possible use for Conveyance of Irrigation Water

“That the Committee approves an amendment to the project team’s Terms of Reference to now focus primarily on providing general assistance, facilitation and the use of the Acton stockwater network for conveyance of water for irrigation purposes.”

Reveley/Holmes

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.25 pm.