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Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

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Thank you Mr Chair for the opportunity to have brief input into the many items on the agenda today that impact Sunnynook Forrest Hill area.

The issues come with in two separate areas of the Council - Auckland Transport and Community Facilities. I will speak to the Auckland Transport Issues first.

AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

1. CAS1112982 Becroft Drive footpath widening at 74 on the AT priority list. That is fine.

2. CAS1157219 Lyford Cres footpath widening placed at 324 on the AT priority list. But in the letter to Nick Le Mouton of the Association we were informed that it was 148. We will do more research on this to get a change to the place on the priority list.

3. CSFD1 Sunnynook Road bus station stop, ID3240 signalling. There is no doubt that there is need for a pedestrian crossing. The issue is how it should be signalled so people crossing will be safe. Should there be lights? The problem with this is the impact on traffic on Sunnynook Road on both sides of the lights, and the traffic in Link Drive three time a day from 8 -9am in the morning, from 2.30 to 4pm in the afternoon, and from 4.30 to 6pm in the evening. Would it be better to have lights in the road that blink when people cross, as in East Coast Road outside the café on the corner of Stanley St?

4. People walk in Sunnynook. Every month approximately 100,000 people walk to and from the Sunnynook Busway. On top of that, children walk to three schools in our area and some parents walk to the 3 Daycare/Early Learning Centres on Sunnynook Road. The Association is pleased to support the construction of the three planned pedestrian crossings for Sunnynook Road. However, we would also like to see the speed limit decreased for the full length of the road from 50kph to 40 kph.

5. The future development of the Sunnynook Busway. This will be a 10-year project but initial planning needs to begin in the Local Board.

6. CSFD 1.5 ID 3220 East Coast Road pedestrian crossing near bus stop 248. East Coast Road is extremely busy at the three peak traffic times of the day and it is not easy or safe to cross. There is need for a crossing.

7. Sycamore Drive yellow “no parking” line outside Countdown. Excellent.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

8. 2676 Implement Wheeled Sports Concept for Sunnynook Park. ie a skateboard park. We disagree with the proposed location of this.

9. 2107 Sunnynook Park development. (lighting) To be a safe place to walk at night in the winter, the footpath lighting needs to be installed on the northern path through the trees.

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ARTICLE FOR SUNNYNOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

THE SUNNYNOOK BUS STATION NEEDS TO BE UP-GRADED


The report makes some important observations and suggestions for improvement to the Sunnynook bus station. Here are some quotes:

“There is no direct pedestrian flow between the two platforms, unlike all of the bus stations.” The fence between the two platforms was lengthened to stop people walking across the busway, but people still do, as George Wood and I witnessed.

The report goes on, “patrons on the northbound platform are required to climb a set of stairs and ramps to get to Sunnynook Road overbridge. It can impact the level of comfort for the users and can be physically difficult for some users.” Especially if it is raining and or the patrons are elderly and infirm.

“As the bus station patronage has increased and now exceeds the patronage of other bus stations, ... on the network, which are fully accessible, it would be desirable to install a lift and an enclosed connection (overbridge) between both platforms to better serve the accessibility needs of the growing population in this area.” As is the case with the other bus stations on the network

Page 25 of the Sunnynook 30 Year Plan Item 2G says the same thing in fewer words.

We need your help. If you would support the future development of the Sunnynook bus station in line with what is suggested by the Auckland Transport document as quoted above, then please send a letter or an email to Alden Bennett Chair of the Devonport Takapuna Local Board and to George Wood, Deputy Chair.

We need to get this issue in the Local Board Three Year plan which the new Board is now working on so the planning can take place in the next three years.

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The first couple of months have obviously been spent learning. Being a newbie to the local board there is a lot to learn! But it has being very enjoyable.

I have concentrated on understanding the workings of the local board from the administration perspective (with local board services staff) and also from the perspective of how the six local board members operate together.

I want to acknowledge the wonderful work that the local board services team here in Takapuna do. All I have seen so far is total dedication and professionalism, with a focus on delivering for the community. The induction programme prepared for the newbies has been excellent.

Despite having some philosophical differences I feel that the six local board members have been working together in a positive way as well. I believe there is a genuine shared desire for everyone to work together for the good of the community. As I have said many times over the past few months, our ability to deliver will rely very much on a willingness to compromise and find common ground on key issues.

Since the inception of the new board in October I have been keen to concentrate on building relationships. Both internally and externally.

I have been to the city to visit both Auckland Transport and Panuku, with an aim to ensure the relationships are good with these entities so we can work with them closely to progress projects in the DTLB area. Both entities also presented to the DTLB at our most recent workshop. As a result we have learnt about key projects. This included a tour of the Unlock Takapuna project area with Panuku.

I am advocating a Fresh Approach to dealing with important entities such as these CCOs and others. One of working closely with them and collaborating to ensure together we are providing good results for our community.

As a board we have also had visits to Wairau Creek, Milford Marina and Takapuna Beach to meet with healthy waters and council staff focused on improving water quality. There is a lot being done and a lot to do. I was impressed with their focus and plans.

I do believe that our most recent workshop was very productive and for me reinforced that the decision to have closed workshops was a good one. As a board we were able to have frank and open discussion, and presentations from a number of entities were informative. Providing valuable information for the six local board members. The resulting communication from the workshop by LBS with the community was also good.

I have also attended two Chairs Forums at the Town Hall. This involves all 21 Local Board Chairs from the region. Being a newbie I haven’t had a lot to say, just mainly listened, but I feel I have learnt a great deal already about the workings of council.
I also attended the Governing Auckland Together Symposium recently that was for all elected members of Auckland Council to set the scene for the three years ahead.

I have also met with key people from several local community groups over the past few weeks to discuss important community and private issues that pertain to the Local Board and Auckland Council. There appears to still be a struggle around accepting or working with the newish rules introduced by the new Auckland Council structure and Unitary Plan etc. etc.

It was an honour to also make my first address as the LB Chair at the 75th birthday of Takapuna Kindergarten during November.

I have also met with Commander/Inspector Sunny Patel, head of policing for North Shore. He is keen for these regular catch-ups so we share information for the good of the community. This is something he has been doing with Local Board Chairs.

A real pleasure has been officiating on behalf of the DTLB at Citizenship Ceremonies at the Bruce Mason Centre (for over 300 new citizens) and Westlake Boys High School (over 400 new citizens). Such happy and joyous occasions and I encourage my fellow LB members to attend future ceremonies.

Most recently I have attended the Devonport Business Association’s December meeting. My first as the DTLB representative on this board. I am looking forward to making a contribution to this very important entity.

I can truly say the first two months of Devonport-Takapuna Local Board life has been a buzz. I am excited about what we can achieve as a board.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.
George Wood member report – December 2019


1. Prevalence of graffiti in D-T LB area:

Had a talk with Trevor Williams, the Devonport, Belmont, Bayswater graffiti removal man recently. Trevor known as the Willy the Tag Buster does a wonderful job keeping on top of graffiti. I’ve put him in contact with Tony Crampton who manages graffiti removal contracts for Auckland Council.

2. Request for 40kph speed limit on Sunnynook Rd and Sycamore Drive, Sunnynook:

I have referred the attached letter to me from Mr Peter McNee, the chairman of the Sunnynook Community Committee, to Auckland Transport.

3. Control of street weeds sorted by Community Facilities:

There has been great progress by CF in getting the weeds problem along our streets under control. See report from Agnes McCormack, attached.

Signatories

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5 December 2019

Mr George Wood
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Dear George

The Sunnynook Community Association is a strong advocate for a reduction of the speed limit on Sunnynook Road, from 50Kmph to 40Kmph. There are three Daycare, Kindergartens and one Chinese learning centre on Sunnynook Road. That alone is enough to consider the change. Added to that children walk to three schools in the area: Sunnynook Primary, Target Road Primary and Wairau Intermediate. It is very important that it is safe for children to walk in the area. On top of that thousands of people walk to and from the Sunnynook busway every week.

Sycamore Drive also needs to be seriously considered for a speed limit change

Regards

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Concerns with overgrown weeds, and unmown road reserves.

Agnes McCormack
Thu 05/12/2019 17:36

- Councillor Richard Hills;
- Koro Dickie
- George Wood (Devonport - Takapuna Local Board)

Good afternoon Cllr Hills

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I wanted to visit Devonport Takapuna and Kaipatiki and take a look at how the streetscapes were looking following the 30 day plan to get everything back into spec. I managed to get around this afternoon and have the following observations.

I visited the area after your previous email and today I thought our contractor has made great progress with the kerb and channel weed issue and getting the streetscape back into spec. I appreciate this is not at 100% yet and this is mainly due to:

- Small sections of a few streets still had some weeds though the rest of the weeds in the street had been treated and died off. These have been noted and Martin and the team will follow this up.
- Some tall dead weeds are still standing and these will be pulled.

Our contractor is now working in BAU and using a mixed methodology of hot water truck, spray buggies, utility vehicles & mechanical equipment and knapsack sprayers. We anticipate the ongoing management methodology for streetscapes will ensure everything is in spec.

In addition to kerb and channel weeds we are finding, and being advised of, unmapped assets particularly street to street walkways and neglected berms, as you have mentioned in your email. Some of the street to street walkways were not included in the original transfer of asset data and the neglected berms are likely due to:

- Contractor has missed them from their schedules
- Berms not mapped and should be mowed by Council
- Private berms where the owner is not mowing for a variety of reasons

With these three scenarios my team are working through these by managing contractor performance, varying unmapped assets into the contract or letter dropping the property to advise them of how private berms are managed across Auckland.

A further observation today was the quality of street gardens and horticulture practice. This is being addressed with our contractor. With the addition of a further 29 staff joining the Ventia team we anticipate a vast improvement in mowing, edging and horticulture practice across the Tahi area.

If you have any further queries or feedback please don’t hesitate to contact me or Martin direct.

Regards
Agnes

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