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COUNCIL MEETING

Commencing at 9.00am

On

Tuesday 9 June 2009

**Council Chamber
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru**

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Timaru District Council will be held to consider the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru on Tuesday 9 June 2009, at 9.00am, continuing on Wednesday 10 June 2009.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 1968

Councillors are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Warwick Isaacs
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

9 AND 10 JUNE 2009

AGENDA

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4	To be circulated	Surveillance Cameras

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE MEETING OF 9 JUNE 2009

Report for Agenda Item No 3

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 Strategic Planning Manager

Timaru District Council Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009–2019
Submissions and Hearing (File C5/17/3)

Purpose of Report

This report summarises the submissions to the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009 - 2019 and outlines relevant information for the Draft LTCCP Hearing to be held starting Tuesday 9 June 2009.

Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009–2019

Submissions on the Draft LTCCP 2009 - 19 closed on Monday 18 May. 149 submissions were received (133 submissions were received to the 2006 LTCCP). These covered over 70 topics, with 374 comments on various issues and several submissions covering several topics. As far as I am aware, this is the highest number of submissions received for this Council to an LTCCP/Annual Plan process.

Submissions covered a range of topics, with the most popular being transport related topics, the aquatic centre, airport charges, waste management and parks and recreation related issues. Again, numerous submissions covered sustainability related issues such as active transport, energy conservation, climate change and new technologies. Many submissions were focused at a higher strategic level, concerned with Council policy and approaches or changes to levels of service.

Enclosed with this agenda is:

- **Hearing Schedule** – submitters to be heard on Tuesday 9 June 2009. 42 submitters have requested to speak to their submissions.
- **Submission Summary** – document summarising individual submissions by topic, including officer comments on the submissions. It can be cross referenced to the Submissions volume by the submission number and page number shown in the columns on the left hand side of the report.
- **Submissions Volume** - ordered by submission number. This includes the following:
 - Submission Index (numerical)
 - Individual submissions.

Recommendations

- 1 That the report be received and noted.**

- 2 That the Council consider and make decisions on the submissions to the Draft LTCCP 2009–2019.**
- 3 That in considering this matter Council gives regard to Sections 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 82 of the Local Government Act 2002. These sections cover all aspects of Council decision-making. In particular, Council has considered the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or who have an interest in the matter.**
- 4 That changes to the Draft LTCCP 2009-2019 are identified to be incorporated in the final document to be adopted on 30 June 2009.**

LTCCP 2009-2019: HEARING TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009

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Summary of Submissions

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Transport

Request seal extension of Middleswamp Road from Guild Road Corner to Boiling Down Road. Road is increasingly busy, dangerous for cyclists, residents.

Land Transport Managers Comments

In 2009/10 there is no funding for seal extensions and therefore a new seal extension list, in terms of Council policy, will be prepared for the 2010/11 budget process.

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

Middleswamp Road has a vehicle count of 50 vehicles per day and is a low seal extension priority.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be informed that the seal extension will be reviewed in the next year, but it is unlikely that Middleswamp Road will be sealed in the next 10 years.

S2	p2	Newark, Glenn
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General

Suggest fixed expenditure budget and smoothing of expenditure over the ten years.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Smoothing of expenditure is not always possible due to the nature of some expenses. Fluctuations are minimised as much as possible.

Recommendation

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Requests more controlled rates increase over the next 4 years in line with inflation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Suggest Factory Road bridge widening funded by Fonterra.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Factory Road and the bridge is a public road owned and controlled by Council on behalf of the community. As a public road, all users that comply with transport regulations have a right to use this road. Roads are a community benefit and funded as such with no individual, farm or organisation required to fund a road even though they may be a significant user. Council as the road controlling also receives financial assistance from government that is funded by road user charges and fuel excise duty.

Council has an obligation to ensure that roads are safe and fit for purpose to ensure a quality transport network and continued economic development in the District.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Earnshaw, Steve

Active Transport

No provision for funding of urban cycle lanes and rural cycle safety improvements (i.e. shoulder widening on blind corners, facilities on narrow bridges). Consider providing improved cycle parking facilities at key locations.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Funding for these activities is included in the plan under Minor road improvements. Council has an ongoing programme to install more cycle lanes. In June 2007 there were 29km of cycle lanes in Timaru District increasing to 82km by June 2008. Further cycle lanes have recently been installed.

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Airport

The Timaru Airport is running at a very large loss to the council - is it not possible for them to break even financially? Are other airports privately owned and do they make a profit?

District Services Manager's Comments

In summary, the Airport costs approximately \$400,000 per annum to operate. This cost is funded by Rents of \$125,000, Landing Charges of \$70,000 and Timaru District General Rates of \$205,000. The costs are reasonably fixed with Landing Charges being the variable income component.

The costs of operating the Timaru Airport are carefully scrutinised each year. The annual costs of the recent resurfacing of the runway and taxiway amount to \$230,000 per annum. The proposed Flight Training School would certainly assist in offsetting some of these costs.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Central Business District (CBD)

Suggests removing through traffic on Stafford Street. If the central section were pedestrianised the sections at either end could become no-exit roads with perhaps diagonal car parking - Disabled and cycle parking facilities could be located nearest to the central pedestrian area. Also, the Terrace and Sophia Street could be made into a one-way loop, which would also allow for additional car parking.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

This concept has been previously considered but not supported. A review by an internationally recognised expert from the UK recommends that vehicles and

pedestrians do co-exist safely provided the road environment gives pedestrians priority. This principle is being applied with the speed limit reduction to 30km/h, the rumble strips and the exclusive pedestrian crossing phase at the Stafford/Church/Strathallan corner. Future CBD enhancements are planned in the future as part of the CBD renewal project to further reduce vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian priority.

The Terrace and Sophia Streets provide important access to businesses and car parks. The Terrace is a low speed road and functions well. Sophia Street is an arterial link to the CBD and therefore making this one way is not recommended and would result in inefficient traffic movements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Public Transport

With increasing fuel costs, carbon emissions, road maintenance costs and an aging population should we not be giving significant priority to improving local and regional bus services and advocating strongly for improved rail freight and passenger services? Rail freight links to key industry locations (i.e. Clandeboye) would save council significant roading costs and should be given council support.

Land Transport Managers Comments

The operation of the Timaru bus service is the responsibility of Environment Canterbury. The Timaru Passenger Transport Strategy for the future of the bus service is presently being reviewed. This is a joint TDC and ECan project. The strategy review and consultation will identify improvements or changes to the service and targets to achieve in the future. ECan include regional bus services as part of the regional passenger transport strategy.

Rail freight services to key industries are a business decision for these industries and the rail owner/operator, KiwiRail. Rail is separately funded by government outside the National Land Transport Fund and is not part of the Ministry of Transport. Current legislation prevents Rail projects from being included in Regional Transport Plans. Movement of freight to rail will not reduce roading costs as the proportion able to be transported by rail is not significant in a regional sense.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Recreation & Leisure

Supports the establishment of regional cycleways which could potentially link into the Governments proposed national cycleway. Possibly include the route of the former Timaru to Fairlie Railway and along the Hunter Hills? Other benefits of cycleways - provide employment, a tourist attraction and provide a boost to the local economy.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Much of the former Fairlie railway line is now in private ownership. Some areas referred to are outside Timaru District boundaries. The establishment of a regional cycleway is an opportunity given the Government's position. Given the economic development and tourism potential it would be appropriate for the newly combined organisation to prepare a business case to apply for Government (and other) funding.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted and referred to CSIT for consideration.

Waste Management

Should consider using landfill methane gas from Redruth for electricity generation - potentially providing significant power generation from a resource that would otherwise be wasted? This would produce a source of income and some protection against rising power costs. Currently being successfully performed in Wellington, Auckland and Paeroa.

District Services Managers Comments

A "gas survey" of the old landfill shows that there is minimal gas emitting from the landfill. The large footprint and shallow depth means that collection of a very low volume of gas for productive use would be totally uneconomic. However, the National Environmental Standard does require the destruction of residual pockets of gas.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Supply

To encourage water conservation we should consider giving priority to metering water in unrestricted areas. I note that households in areas with unrestricted supplies use several times more water than those on restricted supplies (i.e. Downlands).

Drainage and Water Managers Comments

Water metering and pricing is an important tool in implementing water supply demand management. Council has been implementing water metering strategies for users exceeding normal domestic usage and a continuation of this strategy is planned.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S4	p5	Tyldesley, Michael
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Transport

Council should undertake to investigate busy commercially used roads which pass through high density residential areas, with a view to laying tarmac (tar). This would greatly reduce noise to those living adjacent to busy roads. Disappointed with quality of road reconstruction work in Cox Street.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council practice is to resurface all urban arterial roads that have the highest traffic volumes with asphaltic concrete commonly known as hotmix or tarmac. This surface does provide a smoother, quieter and more durable road pavement. State Highways including Cox Street are owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). The use of hotmix on urban state highways is supported, however, the road surfacing material choice is the responsibility of NZTA, not the Council.

Recommendations:

- 1. That Council note the use of hotmix surfacing on Timaru District Council arterial roads, CBD roads and some principal roads.*
- 2. That Council request NZ Transport Agency to use hotmix on urban state highways.*
- 3. That the concerns with the quality of the Cox Street road reconstruction be referred to NZ Transport Agency.*

Youth

Requests that the following youth goal of the Taskforce be included in TDC's LTCCP - "that all young people under the age of 25 should be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options, which will lead to long-term economic independence and well being".

Assistant Chief Executives Comments

If desired the goal could be included under the Community Support group of activities – either Economic Development (page 64) or Safer Communities (page 78- although this is more crime prevention.)

Recommendation:

The Council consider whether to include the additional goal under Economic Development.

Aquatic Centre

Are the Urban Timaru community expected to fundraise and pay for 40-50% of their Aquatic Centre as Temuka and Geraldine have done when they built their aquatic facilities?

District Services Manager's Comments

The new Aquatic Leisure Centre is a district wide facility which will have a wide range of components that are not available in the outdoor pools in Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point. Council is seeking external funding of \$8-9 million and has not suggested that only the Timaru urban area contribute to this sum.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Fees and Charges

Proposed increases on already exorbitant council fees and charges are not due to increased costs, but to offset urban rates.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Council is trying to recover costs from users where appropriate in line with the Revenue and Financing Policy, otherwise the costs need to be met by all ratepayers in the District.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Future Community Planning

The Plan makes no mention of future development plans for Pleasant Point, Geraldine or Peel Forest. Did council make any attempt to consult with these communities about their long-term community development plans?

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Development in these communities is controlled by the District Plan. Structure plans are being developed for Geraldine and Pleasant Point to be reported to Council shortly. Some consultation has taken place.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Unfairness in rates funding - rates increases for farms average 5% while some urban areas have reduced. The plan shows no attempt to reign in the cost of council salary increases or moderate urban desires, i.e. the Aquatic Centre. Rural communities, farmers and commercial/industrial businesses forgotten expected to pay for elaborate projects.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed. Rate differentials have been amended for the 2009/10 year so that the same proportion of district wide rates are paid by the sectors over time.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates Remissions Policy

The proposed new rates remission policy is only going to introduce further inequity.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Concerns noted. The remission will only apply where no rent is charged.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S7	p11	Conaboy, Frances
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General

To start a Maternity Unit as Dunedin's maternity unit is closed.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

This is a South Canterbury District Health Board responsibility

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S8	p13	Hearn, H.A.
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Aquatic Centre

Disagrees with the Aquatic centre proposal. To spend over \$23m on an Aquatic Centre during this economic downturn is very risky. Money would be better spent on more important things. In Temuka there are a lot of things that need attention in the next couple of years.

District Services Manager's Comments

The following consultation has been carried out in relation to the new Aquatic Leisure Centre:

- *Site Referendum*
- *District Wide Residents Telephone Survey*
- *Pool users questionnaire*
- *Schools questionnaire*

- Stakeholders Forums
- One on One discussions
- Concept Plans and Components Consultation
- Modified Concept Plan and Financials.

The Council resolution of 24 February 2009 is:

“1 That the proposed Aquatic Leisure Centre project now proceed based on the following:

- Aquatic Leisure Centre Concept plans dated October 2008
 - Capital Cost of \$23.5m in 2011 dollars
 - Funding model based on a \$5 Adult casual entry charge and an approximate \$102 per rateable property annual charge.
- 2 That the nominal completion date for the Aquatic Leisure Centre be 30 June 2012.
- 3 That as the design is further developed, consideration be given to including issues raised during the consultation process, including but not limited to, the Fitness Centre, lazy river or similar, and pool depths.
- 4 That the project will be contingent upon external funding of \$8-9m.”

Council has resolved to proceed with the new Aquatic Leisure Centre and the capital cost, operating costs, capital revenue and annual revenues (user charges and targeted rate) are now included in the Draft LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council’s decision of 24 February 2009.

S9	p15	Mayson, P.J.
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Theatre Royal

Request for Council to address parking / access to the Theatre Royal. Miss much due to problems with parking, especially at night.

District Services Manager’s Comments

Limited parking is available at the site. There is no opportunity to increase parking available without significant cost. As most use occurs after hours, parking is generally available within reasonable distance.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S10	p17	TeMiha-Ryan, K.
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Central Business District (CBD)

Requests that consideration be given to more disability car parking spaces in the Central Business and Caroline Bay areas. Only one "Mobility Card Parking" space outside the Farmers store, this is frustrating as you have to walk a long way to shop at the end of Stafford Street and get abused from illegally parked people.

Land Transport Manager’s Comments

There are many disabled car parks located in the CBD. There are six designated on-street disabled spaces and all Council off street parking areas also have designated

disabled parks. Caroline Bay has many disabled parking spaces. No further disabled parks are recommended.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Footpaths

Requests that footpaths be upgraded. Uneven surfaces on footpaths are dangerous for those using walking aids, mobile chairs etc.

Land Transport Managers Comments

Customer surveys conducted on a six monthly basis since August 2007 have consistently recorded customer satisfaction with footpaths at 86 – 87%. The satisfaction level is increasing with the ongoing maintenance and renewal programmes. The new footpath maintenance contract now requires periodic inspection and condition assessment of all footpaths and renewal priorities are based on the condition, usage and type of user with elderly or mobility disadvantaged users given priority.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S11	p19	Kishon Arabians
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Parks

Requests community groups and schools be allotted gardens to grow flowers and vegetables which could then be sold locally. This would provide education on health and well-being to youth, and assist survival in event of worldwide calamity.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

To avoid vandalism these areas would need to be fenced and be a separate area which wouldn't impact on the enjoyment of open spaces by the public. No areas for this are readily identifiable within the parkland estate.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Transport

Suggests to divert all heavy traffic away from Evans Street via turning off at Washdyke and coming out the south end at Heaton Street.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

This was investigated as part of the Timaru Transportation Study and determined to be not a feasible option. The adopted Timaru Transportation Strategy confirms Evans Street remaining as State Highway 1 with future improvements planned.

Recommendation:

That submitter be formally made aware of the Timaru Transportation Strategy adopted by NZ Transport Agency and supported by Council.

Transport

Operating a horse riding school on Beaconsfield Road. Requests signage for motorists to slow down around that area.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Beaconsfield Road is a rural area with appropriate speed limits in place. There is a joint responsibility for both drivers and horse riders when they share the road. This campaign is being actively promoted as part of our road safety programme with the support of police. We believe education is more effective than signage.

Furthermore the TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking, cycling and bridle activities. The strategy will develop a long term implementation plan for improvements and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review and road safety activity funded from current budgets.

Youth

Requests that Council empower older retirees to lead today's youth to grow leaders for the future. Activities could include: Weekend retreats, fishing, tramping, outdoor survival etc.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Presbyterian Support already offers a successful "Buddy Programme" which would appear to provide what the submitter is suggesting.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Aquatic Centre

Whats the point? Over 60% said NO to pool, did you listen? Let the showgrounds hill development go ahead, bring on jobs and more rates, you need them! People are losing their jobs in this town, good time to build pool.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S13	p23	Smallridge, J.F.
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Aquatic Centre

How can the public be asked to trust the present council when they have proved the ratepayers voice is not to be listened to in the past? (i.e. the Aquatic Centre). How legal is the decision to go ahead with the Aquatic Centre, despite ratepayers wishes against it? If other projects had not gone ahead, they could have paid for the Aquatic Centre.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Dog Registration Fees

Don't support increase in dog registration fees. Should not be used to pay for the pool. Why are they going up when no inflation?

Building/Environmental Service's Managers Comments

Revenue collected from dog registration is used exclusively for dog control activities. In reaction to public demand council have increased staffing, activity, service and enforcement in the dog control area. Increased levels of service have necessitated increased fees and although every effort has been made to minimise fee increases, the fees provided for reflect the cost of the activity and the higher level of service.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Has the Council provided for additional monies, in the form of rates rebates, to cover the additional \$102 for the aquatic centre for the fixed income group, or has the Council decided to exempt those over sixty five or those who won't use the Aquatic Centre?

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rates rebates are only administered by Council on behalf of the Government. Council has not agreed at this time to exempt any particular groups from the proposed aquatic centre rate.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S14	p25	Malt, J.
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Aquatic Centre

During the current recession Council should not proceed with luxury items such as the Aquatic Centre. This project should be deferred until surplus funds are available. It is not acceptable to limit funds for essential services such as Rooding, Water, Waste Management and Parks and Recreation.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S15	p27	Middleton, R.I.
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Council Operations

In the summary financials, where do you show Council's running costs as a percentage of rates?

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Details of the financials are included in the full LTCCP document. Total operating expenditure exceeds rates income.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

The bin waste system must be fully self funding and profitable otherwise it is NOT worth it.

District Service Managers Comments

There is no General Rate input into the three bin waste management system. It is fully funded by the Uniform Annual Targeted Rate.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S16	p28	Healey, Brenda
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Footpaths

Temuka needs more footpaths! In John Bull Place people have to walk on the grass or the road, which is dangerous. Hamilton Street (on the east side) has no footpath, have to walk on the road. Denmark Street (on the west side) only has a shingle footpath.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The priority order for the construction of new footpaths in Temuka are determined by the Temuka Community Board.

Recommendation:

That the request for new footpaths in John Bull Place, Hamilton Street and Denmark Street be referred to the Temuka Community Board for consideration.

Transport

Residents on Wilkin Street, Temuka, sent a petition after the water pipes were put down as the trucks passing by vibrate like an earthquake. The street is bumpy to ride on.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

It is prudent use of ratepayer funds to ensure that the useful life of a road is fully utilised. The rough surface is due to utility trenches however, the condition of the road pavement and seal remains in good condition. When the road pavement condition deteriorates the road will be reconstructed and smoothed as part of this work. The cost of reconstruction for this section of Wilkin Street is estimated to be \$400,000. This has not been included in current budgets.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S17	p30	Mulvihill, Vanessa
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Parks

Feels that there should not be a reduction in services at the Parks as it is one area in Timaru that can be enjoyed freely by anyone. Noticed a decline in appearance at the Botanical Gardens already. We need to keep Timaru an attractive place.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Waste Management

Suggests the landfill charge for greenwaste be reduced or perhaps a loyalty card be introduced i.e. for every 10 full loads get one free. This would deter people from dumping greenwaste into riverbeds. Also, why are there 2 people in the office at the landfill? Reduce to 1 person and reduce fees.

District Service Manager's Comments

The loyalty card idea is worthy of research and investigation. Similarly, investigation needs to be carried out over the option of weighing in and out all trailers using Transfer Stations. This method would be more transparent than the current set fee per trailer. There is only one staff member employed in the kiosk at Redruth, Temuka and Geraldine Transfer Stations at any one time.

Recommendation:

That during 2009/10 research and investigation be carried out into:

- *Loyalty cards;*
- *Weighing all trailers;*

and be reported to Council prior to the 2010 Budget.

S18	p32	Pearce, Eddie J.
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General

Congratulates Council on the extensive and comprehensive coverage of so many important aspects of keeping our community functioning. Concerned at the apparent intention of the Council to continue spending. Suggests to target debt reduction.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Comments noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S19	p33	Sowman, Glynis
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Dog Park

Requests that the grassed area near South Beach by the cemetery be converted into a "dog park". All the area would need is fencing, a water tap and rubbish bins. Suggests that \$1 from each dog registration go towards the fencing of this area, and could be developed over time.

Building/Environmental Services Manager's Comments

Council has, through its bylaws, identified a number of areas, throughout the district, considered appropriate for and identified as areas in which dogs may be exercised at large but under control. These areas are extensive and are located as to be generally

available to dog owners throughout the district. Although not fenced they are extensively utilised.

The size of the district makes it difficult to identify any one particular area for fencing which would benefit all dog owners and substantial cost would be incurred to fence numerous areas.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken and that the submission be received and noted.

S20	p36	Loach, B.
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Aquatic Centre

A gross waste of time and money when no notice will be taken (e.g. Aquatic Centre).

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S21	p38	Xavane, Craig
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Aquatic Centre

Strongly believe that Timaru is not in a position to engage in the swimming pool complex. In recessive periods intelligent companies invest and concentrate on the fundamentals.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Future Community Planning

Support smart planning and focus on the future. Important to assess quantity and quality of public owned property, and consider necessity, sustainability and asset value of present and future acquisitions.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General

Concentration of funds and resources should be directed towards core services including maintenance of parks, reserves and buildings. This should not be compromised or neglected.

Management Team's Comments

Comments noted. The majority of Council expenditure is directed towards core services, spread over time to ensure affordability.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Funding of services should be appropriate to the service - i.e. libraries rates funded - dog registration user pays.

Chief Financial Office's Comments

Council's approach to funding for all services is specified in the Revenue and Financing Policy.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S22	p40	Buick, A.N.
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Transport

Unhappy with Council decision on Andrew Creek Bridge. Council fixed the bridge then stopped access across the bridge. Bridge was well used by anglers etc. Council should apologise.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The Andrew's Stream bridge is open to public use with full access across the bridge by non-motorised transport and foot.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be informed that the Andrews Stream bridge is open for public use.

S23	p41	Palmer, Ian
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Aquatic Centre

Opposed to the aquatic leisure centre. Money should be spent on the essentials (i.e. sewer, water, pumps etc.)

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Council Operations

Council should try cost cutting methods like trimming salaries, staff, cut vehicle numbers down, less modern cars etc. Turn off the lights that are on 24/7 in all council places and facilities, it is just ridiculous.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Suggestions noted. Council have reviewed its budget and made some reductions in operational costs for the LTCCP and minimises costs where possible.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Our rates are already what Aucklanders pay. Council does not seem concerned about it and couldn't care less about ratepayers or economic climate.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rates are similar due to the same services being provided. Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Opposed to the Southern Port Access project. It is not required and what effect will it have on businesses etc?

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The benefit of the southern port access overbridge and review of the options has been determined through the land designation process and the Timaru transportation strategy. These have been independently reviewed. However the bridge will not be constructed until it is needed, particularly when traffic using the southern port access experiencing unacceptable delays or safety compromised due to the rail crossing operation. An efficient southern access is essential to the future development and economic viability of the Timaru port and businesses located in the Port area.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S24	p42	Bowen, Pat
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Council Operations

Requests to know how much is paid for salaries, wages and expenses in each Department of Council. Interested to know whether these expenses could be reduced, some departments could be overstaffed and others understaffed.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

The detailed financial statements are included in the full LTCCP and budget document.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Dog Park

Requests fenced "dog park" in Temuka. Even more necessary now. Current designated dog areas are unsuitable.

Building/Environmental Services Managers' Comments

See comments associated with Submission 19.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken and that the submission be received and noted.

S25	p43	Harris, Jon
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Central Business District (CBD)

The building of a carpark in the CBD is an ideal opportunity to include a secure bicycle parking facility as part of the project. Secure and convenient cycle parking facilities incentive for increasing cycling and encouraging sustainable transport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The provision of a secure cycle parking area in the new car parking building has been included in the design brief.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S26	p44	Ulrich, F.G.
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Central Business District (CBD)

Feels that Timaru lacks a green and well planted city 'centre'. Suggest reserve land triangle bounded by Perth, Sophia and George Streets (includes most of Timaru's important buildings) to become a green and well planted city centre, with links through the Royal Arcade leading through to the shopping area.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Any additional landscaping will require further funding both to establish and maintain in the future. The Perth Street area will be subject to major redevelopment in the near future that includes some landscaping as part of the development.

The CBD has an established linkage to Caroline Bay through the Bay Hill and piazza that provides significant green and planted areas.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

General

Commented that the summary was difficult to read with white writing on brown background.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

Comments noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S27	p46	Salisbury, Judi
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Animal Control

Requests Council supply "doggy doo" bags near entrances to dog friendly parks and beaches.

Building/Environmental Services Manager's Comments

Biodegradable "doggy doo" bags will shortly be available for sale through the Council Offices and from the Service Centres in Geraldine and Temuka.

Refuse bins for the disposal of dog droppings were made available in some parks some three years ago. These bins were quickly vandalised, to the point of destruction, and it is of concern that publicly accessible dog bag dispensing devices would meet similar fate.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S28	p48	Lowrie, Graeme
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Capital Works Programme

Requests Council provide more specific information on capital works i.e. list what footpaths and culverts are to be done, when Ashbury Park is to be reworked and re-sown etc.

District Services Manager's Comments

The Ten Year Plan is for communicating strategies, policies and major works. This level of detail is not included in the document.

Recommendation:

That the request be noted and the submitter advised that this detail is not appropriate for a ten year strategy and policy document.

S29	p50	T.Griffiths Rose Garden Deadheaders
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Parks

Request funding allocated to not only maintain Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden to present standard, but allow for ongoing planting and labeling. Garden has special significance for Timaru and visitors. Would be disappointed to see funding cuts to parks and recreation.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S30	p51	Sustainable Future
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Future Community Planning

Suggests Council explore long term planning beyond 10 years. Councils need to think long term in order to deliver medium term plans. LTCCP should discuss following key issues within LTCCP: Dairying, Genetic Modification, Land use, Water, Energy and Food, Broadband, Leaky Homes and Population changes.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The Council is planning for beyond ten years, particularly with regards to major infrastructure projects, such as wastewater management. The Council is addressing and monitoring areas where it has a direct involvement and attempting to influence areas where it has no direct influence.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainability/Sustainable Development

Councils legally mandated to take a sustainable development approach. Council should consider 5 key questions when preparing and approving LTCCPs, and be committed to promoting sustainability.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

This is a developing and ongoing work area for the Council. Council has specifically carried out some carbon footprint work, and Council units explore sustainable options in designing solutions. The Council is also actively involved in promoting sustainability in the community either directly or through financial support. A formal sustainability reporting process has yet to be fully designed, but is underway. The LTCCP outlines Council's sustainable development approach.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S31	p70	Johnstone, Abby
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Transport

Requests Vance Road be sealed up to Racecourse Road (Geraldine), less than 1km.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

In 2009/10 there is no funding for seal extensions and therefore a new seal extension list, in terms of Council policy, will be prepared for the 2010/11 budget process.

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

This section of Vance Road has a one house located on it and any seal extension is fundamentally a private benefit. Therefore this project is a low seal extension priority.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be informed that the seal extension of Vance Road will not be completed in the next 10 years.

S32	p71	Clarkson, Leila
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Aquatic Centre

Requests Council not proceed with the Aquatic Centre due to the economic situation. Council asked the public on their views but did not listen to them. The Council should concentrate on essential services. How can the elderly on fixed incomes be expected to pay for this extra expense?

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S33	p72	Quinn, Mike
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Aquatic Centre

Requests the Council not proceed with the Aquatic Centre. If Council proceeds, should be funded by those in favour of it. Referendum should be held on the issue.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S34	p74	Cocks, William
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Council Operations

Concerned about Councils wage bill. Council appears to have too many managers. Suggests reduction of middle managers.

Chief Executive's Comments

All TDC middle management positions have an operational component to their work tasks. Council has a flat management structure in comparison to many other territorial authorities.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General

Requests a restriction on the height of trees.

District Planner's Comments

Generally, this is a civil matter between neighbours and not something controlled through the provisions of the District Plan. There is no intention for any controls through the District Plan.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S35	p76	Wreford, Don
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Aquatic Centre

Requests the Aquatic Centre not proceed. Taking on added debt at this time is foolish and irresponsible.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General

Requests Council concentrate on core services. Money saved by not proceeding with Aquatic Centre could be used on aging infrastructure. Invest our money where it will save us money in the long term.

Management Team's Comments

Comments noted. The majority of Council expenditure is directed towards key infrastructure, spread over time to ensure affordability.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S36	p78	Langrish, Bob
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Aquatic Centre

Disappointed with Councillors who ignored ratepayers input when deciding to proceed with the Aquatic Centre. Requests Council not proceed with the Centre, but instead a costs effective modified version.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S37	p80	Jones, Barry
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General

Suggests submissions a waste of time and will be ignored. Pay lip service to democracy. Mayor and CE should resign.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S38	p82	Enviroschools Canterbury
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Community Support & Waste Minimisation

Requests Council include the Enviroschools programme under the Community Support section of the LTCCP, in Compost, recycling and refuse (p.157) and Water Supply (p.188). Also requests continued and increased financial and staff support for the Enviroschools programme.

District Service Manager's Comments

Council is already part of the programme and supports the concept. The LTCCP does not need to be amended to specify the programme.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S39	p86	Howe, Michael
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General

Requests clarity of debt approach and "the Council uses borrowing ...to add to ratepayers equity." Believes Council was correct to forecast financials with 0% inflation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Borrowing is used to fund upgraded infrastructure and new facilities, which in turn add to ratepayers equity. Ultimately, surplus funds of Council belong to ratepayers.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Page 11 of the Summary - Rates Income graph. Suggests graph could have been made clearer to the reader and that forecast of the increase per rateable unit would have been helpful.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Comments noted. Due to the small growth in the number of rating units, the graph is a fair reflection of the move in average rates.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S40	p89	Trew, Helen
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Aquatic Centre

Requests Council not commit to this project until funding is guaranteed. Has Council considered inviting the public to contribute by offering interest-bearing loans?

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. During the loan raising process the Chief Financial Officer will consider all options of raising finance.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Energy Conservation

To conserve energy, suggests Council offer a subsidy or interest free loan to encourage home owners to install double glazing, interior insulation and solar heating. Also suggests that these features should be mandatory for new buildings.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

New homes are required to have double glazing and insulation now. The Government have announced assistance packages.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Requests no further removal of trees from public areas.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This is great in theory but not practical. As trees are living things they have a lifecycle and eventually decline. There comes a stage when public safety as well as aesthetics and environmental concerns are also an issue. Where possible replanting occurs when it is necessary to remove trees.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Commends Council on street plots, however would like to see more variations of colour, i.e. amongst Roses. Could we do more to enhance our residential streets? Have noted an increase in litter, would support making littering totally unacceptable.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This will not be able to be achieved within the allotted budget. Littering is unacceptable to a section of the population and something that another section of the population takes no responsibility for.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainable Futures Park

Requests to prioritise the establishment of an Environment Centre with an educational focus.

District Services Manager's Comments

Request noted.

Recommendation:

That the Sustainable Future Park proposal be subject to a further report to the District Services committee in 2009/10.

Waste Management

Suggests Council consult with Ashburton District Council re their waste initiatives. Requests an inorganic collection, upgrading of the Crows Nest, refundable deposits for bottles.

Senior Waste Officer's Comments

Council is investigating options for glass and it would be beneficial to look at Ashburton's initiatives. Council currently funds large goods pick up through the Crows Nest. There is also opportunity to drop off goods for free at the Crows Nest drop off point.

Both polystyrene and packaging fall outside the capabilities of the Materials Recovery Facility to process. Council is investigating an independent business initiative which is able to offer waste diversion for packaging. Another business is looking into polystyrene recycling. Some waste is diverted through the Waste Exchange service.

The Crows Nest has recently been tidied and upgraded. Council will continue to support the Crows Nest in developing their service.

To be effective, a bottle deposit scheme needs to be introduced on a national basis. A priority product scheme may support such a proposal.

In the Rubbish and Recycling draft, Solid Waste Management Plan 2003 Action Programme 11 is community participation. A review of the plan has started in order to develop a new waste management and minimisation plan to comply with new legislation by 2012. This review will identify gaps and order priorities.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Quality

Concerned with the effects of dairying on our aquifers. It should be mandatory for farms to prevent effluent entering streams and for aquifer draw-offs to be balanced. Farm storage ponds should be strongly encouraged. Requests that if these matters are outside Councils control then TDC become an advocate to ECAN.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Council has made submissions and continues to be involved in the Regional Council proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan, which includes proposals for safeguarding community water supply takes.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Supply

Council should consider water metering, with a limit on the quantity not attracting a tax.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Water metering and pricing is an important tool in implementing water supply demand management. Council has been implementing water metering strategies for users exceeding normal domestic usage and a continuation of this strategy is planned.

Council intends to develop water services demand management strategic plans in the next two years in order to adopt and implement strategies to influence water demand and usage.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S41	p90	Edwards, B.
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Aquatic Centre

Considers this project to be ill-timed and ill-conceived in the present economic downturn. You have overridden the sentiments of those surveyed.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Rates

Concerned over ability to meet increasing rates. Whilst Councils essential services must be maintained surely some internal cost savings could be achieved.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed. Costs are always reviewed and savings used where possible.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Public Transport

Suggests Council consider a bus seat on the corner of Avenue Road and North Street.

Land Transport Managers Comments

Bus seats are installed at frequently used bus stops. A seat can be installed at this location and funded from current budgets.

Recommendation:

That a bus seat be installed at the bus stop on the corner of Avenue Road and North Street subject to consultation with the adjacent property owner.

S42	p92	Walker, Jenny
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Dog Park

Supports Glynis Sowman's submission (page 33) for a fenced off "Dog Park" area where dogs can run free, socialise and have some off lead training without safety worries.

Building/Environmental Services Managers' Comments

See comments associated with Submission 19.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken and that the submission be received and noted.

S43	p94	South Canterbury Cricket
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Parks

South Canterbury Cricket are concerned that a reduction in levels of service at parks will have an adverse effect on cricket. They urge the Council to continue to support the maintenance and care of facilities associated with cricket.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S44	p96	Celtic/Roncalli Cricket
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Parks

Concerned at potential drop in level of service will have an adverse effect on cricket. Support South Canterbury Cricket submission.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S45	p97	Geraldine Cricket Club
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Parks

Concerned that drop in level of service for parks will have an adverse effect on cricket. Support South Canterbury Cricket submission.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S46	p98	Star Cricket Club Inc
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Parks

Concerned that drop in level of service will have an adverse effect on cricket. Support South Canterbury Cricket submission.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S47	p99	Temuka Cricket Club
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Parks

Concerned that drop in level of service will have an adverse effect on cricket. Support South Canterbury Cricket submission.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S48	p100	Waimate Cricket Club
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Parks

Concerned that drop in level of service will have an adverse effect on cricket. Support South Canterbury Cricket submission.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S49	p101	Pleasant Point Community Board
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Emergency Management

Request inclusion of map of Pleasant Point Civil Defence facilities on p71 of the LTCCP in line with other rural towns.

Strategic Planning Managers Comments

A map can be added.

Recommendation:

That a map meeting the request is added.

S50	p102	Calkin, Bob
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Ecosystem Degradation

Council should address wider ecosystem degradation issues. Environment continues to worsen. Council should acknowledge a moral responsibility in this area and adopt a self conscious advocacy role with Environment Canterbury.

Management Team's Comments

Council advocates to Environment Canterbury where perceived necessary, but the primary responsibility remains with Environment Canterbury.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

LTCCP Assumptions

LTCCP is deficient in providing tangible responses to twin problems of climate change and peak oil. Plan acknowledges climate change but has little to say on it regarding climate scenarios and dealing with rising sea levels. Plan says nothing regarding peak oil. These two issues should be seen as twin problems that will change our way of life. Practical responses should be included in the Plan.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The Council is aware of climate change issues and predictions. It is included as part of the LTCCP assumptions on page 216 of the Draft Plan, and some activities (e.g. stormwater) are planning specifically for its potential effects. It is continuing to monitor information from various agencies (e.g. Environment Canterbury, Ministry for the Environment), including the response of the new government to the issue.

The Council has not considered in detail the issue of peak oil at a policy level and it may be appropriate to further consider this issue.

Recommendation:

That the Council continue to monitor climate change material and formulate appropriate responses for its activities in the Timaru District.

That the Council continues to monitor the peak oil issue.

S51

p105

Peck, Rob

Airport

As a member of a non commercial airport user group, wish to protect the recreational activity from additional costs that should be charged to commercial users. Several requests, including clear statement regarding difference between commercial/recreational airfield use, guidance on how charges are formulated, no subsidising of commercial operations, and portion of recreational vote supports recreational use of the airport.

District Services Manager's Comments

There are 13 submissions on the same theme. In summary, the Airport costs approximately \$400,000 per annum to operate. This cost is funded by Rents of \$125,000, Landing Charges of \$70,000 and Timaru District General Rates of \$205,000. The costs are reasonably fixed with the Landing Charges being the variable income component.

The main issue of contention is that the ground rental for the hangar sites is too high and that landing charges for recreational aircraft are unreasonable.

The Property Manager negotiates all the land leases and assesses fair market land rental by reviewing the charges made by similar Airports such as Hokitika, Ashburton, Westport, Rangiora and Oamaru. Currently this equates to \$1.50/m² per year for the exclusive use of the ground.

Typically a hangar site lease costs \$1400 - \$1600 per annum.

The landing charges are shown on Page RD 16b of the Budget Document. There have been no changes to fees from 2008/09.

The range of charges reflects the costs and impacts on the use of the aerodrome. The fees were set so as to be within the typical envelope of charges made by other similar airports used by the Beach 1900 aircraft. These airports are Hokitika, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Napier, Blenheim and Nelson.

The fees for smaller aircraft reflect the lower costs to Council of these aircraft using the aerodrome. There is no rigorous method used to set the charges. The cost of a microlight landing is \$5.00 including GST, however, the Microlight Club has a discounted bulk arrangement for their members.

Clearly there is an issue that needs further discussion with representatives of the submitters. Council can amend the Airport Landing Charges at any time. It is also suggested that Council limit any additional rate funding for this activity.

Recommendation:

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- 2 That formal discussions be held with clubs and/or organisations representing users of the Timaru Airport Facilities in order to investigate alternative options for charging users.
- 3 That Council cap the rates input to the Airport Activity as shown in the Draft LTCCP.

S52	p106	Mann, Andrew
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Dog Park

Requests Council consider a fully enclosed and well fenced "Dog Park" in Timaru. Have visited dog parks in Christchurch and all users had nothing but praise for these facilities.

Building/Environmental Services Manager's Comments

See comments associated with submission 19.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken and that the submission be received and noted.

S53	p107	Thompson, Craig
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Airport

As a recreational user of the Airport, commercial costs should be kept separate from recreational use. Charged for use of airport in many ways (i.e. as a ratepayer, subscription to SC Aeroclub and personal landing fees) more so than a commercial operator. The Aeroclub requires support from TDC and it would be disappointing for such a facility to become "out of reach" for new aviators.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

Recommendation:

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- 2 That formal discussions be held with clubs and/or organisations representing users of the Timaru Airport Facilities in order to investigate alternative options for charging users.
- 3 That Council cap the rates input to the Airport Activity as shown in the Draft LTCCP.

S54	p108	Fraser Park Trust
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Request for funding

Fraser Park Trust thanks Council for its continued support through the grant of \$8,000pa to cover depreciation on assets. The trust requests Council continue this support.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council policy is to meet the depreciation charge on the share of the assets the Council owns up to \$8,000. Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S55	p109	Aoraki Development Trust
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Economic Development

ADT suggests specific detail included in the Plan for supporting/growing businesses in Timaru. Suggests provision of resources for a Project Liaison Role for regional and national initiatives in the district. LTCCP should mention how high growth areas are managed within the District, while also looking at ways to spread the growth and benefits through the region. Value from role of ADT should be maximised, including adequate funding.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

No comments.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S56	p111	McKenzie, Jude
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Active Transport

No provision in the Plan for funding of urban cycle lanes and rural cycle safety improvements (i.e. shoulder widening on blind corners, facilities on narrow bridges). Consider providing improved cycle parking facilities at key locations.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Funding for these activities is included in the plan under Minor road improvements. Council has an on-going programme to install more cycle lanes. In June 2007 there were 29km of cycle lanes in Timaru District increasing to 82km by June 2008. Further cycle lanes have recently been installed.

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Central Business District (CBD)

Suggests removing through traffic on Stafford Street. If the central section were pedestrianised the sections at either end could become no-exit roads with perhaps diagonal car parking - Disabled and cycle parking facilities could be located nearest to the central pedestrian area. Also, the Terrace and Sophia Street could be made into a one-way loop, which would also allow for additional car parking.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

This concept has been previously considered but not supported. A review by an internationally recognised expert from the UK recommends that vehicles and pedestrians do co-exist safely provided the road environment gives pedestrians priority. This principle is being applied with the speed limit reduction to 30km/h, the rumble strips and the exclusive pedestrian crossing phase at the Stafford/Church/Strathallan

corner. Future CBD enhancements are planned in the future as part of the CBD renewal project to further reduce vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian priority.

The Terrace and Sophia Streets provide important access to businesses and car parks. The Terrace is a low speed road and functions well. Sophia Street is an arterial link to the CBD and therefore making this one way is not recommended and would result in inefficient traffic movements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Economic Development

Suggests Council support local businesses by buying locally where possible. Supports the establishment of a local farmers market.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council has a clear policy of giving local businesses preference providing the quality and specification is identical, even if it costs up to 5% more with a maximum of \$2,000 per contract.

There is a farmers' market in Geraldine (seasonally) and a market in Timaru. The Council has not been involved in either but has been supportive of the ventures.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Fees and Charges

Suggest waiving of consent fees for renewable energy projects such as solar water heating, solar PV and wind generation.

Chief Financial Officers Comments

There is a real cost associated with the processing of building consents and the inspection of building work including vehicle use and travel time which must be recouped from some source. Options are that the ratepayer generally meet the costs associated with these consents or that they are subsidised by others uplifting building consents. It is considered equitable that those benefiting from the building work meet the costs associated with consenting and inspection.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Suggests the use of fruit and nut trees for amenity plantings, in place of purely ornamental species, in order to provide a potential source of free local food.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The idea is good but in the past there have been problems with attracting wasps and insects, extra maintenance costs, complaints about fallen fruit and nuts because they are unsightly and a hazard to anyone walking in the vicinity

Recommendation

That the submission be received and noted.

Recreation & Leisure

Supports the establishment of regional cycleways which could potentially link into the Governments proposed national cycleway. Possibly include the route of the former Timaru to Fairlie Railway and along the Hunter Hills? Other benefits of cycleways: provide employment, a tourist attraction and provide a boost to the local economy.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Much of the former Fairlie railway line is now in private ownership. Some areas referred to are outside Timaru District boundaries. The establishment of a regional cycleway is an opportunity given the Governments position. Given the economic development and tourism potential it would be appropriate for the newly combined organisation to prepare a business case to apply for Government (and other) funding.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted and referred to CSIT for consideration.

Transport

Suggests Council provide a bicycle for employees to use on short business trips to encourage cycling rather than using vehicles.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The use of active transport for workplace travel is acknowledged as a tool to reduce vehicle use in Timaru. This concept is included in the Timaru Transportation strategy. However, short business trips can often be done by walking and employees are encouraged to do so.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

With the ever rising price of oil surely it is a mistake to be biasing our transport policy for the next ten years towards spending on road infrastructure.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Despite the recent oil price fluctuations traffic growth continues on our roads. An effective transportation network is essential for the economic growth and prosperity of our district particularly for freight movement. Continued investment in transport infrastructure will ensure that future demands are met effectively. A significant part of the total expenditure (90%) is targeted to maintaining existing infrastructure.

However we do recognise the need to increase the use of more sustainable transport choices such as active transport and public transport. These strategies are being reviewed and the ideas from this submission will be noted. The outcomes from these strategies will encourage use of more sustainable transport choices.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S57	p113	Scobie, Russell
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Aquatic Centre

Concerned with design of proposed Aquatic Centre.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General

Concerned re the money which is being thrown around by this Council.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Waste Management

Concerned with cost of recycling.

District Service Manager's Comments

The recycling costs are actual costs based on the Waste Contract and other Council costs and there is no opportunity to reduce the costs.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S58	p115	McCarthy, David
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Airport

Suggests that the Richard Pearce Airport be partially run as a commercial operation (scheduled services and airport based business) and partially run as a recreational facility (to support recreational users, i.e. microlights, gliders etc). Several suggestions re treatment of airport for commercial and recreational use.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

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S59	p118	Dodds, R.T.
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Aquatic Centre

The public have already spoken on this issue, the majority don't want it and can't afford it. Requests Council reconsider!

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Caroline Bay

Have submitted in the past for trees along the Parade and the Bay and have since provided prices, but see no mention of these in the Plan. Why?

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Because of the difficulties and cost of establishing trees in the rip rap it is proposed (by LTU) to plant trees associated with traffic calming measures in Marine Parade.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

General

Suggests a Tearoom or Restaurant facility down by the sea with views back over the bay, open every weekend and holiday period. It is time we capitalised on our wonderful bay and harbour area.

Management Team's Comments

This is a matter for consideration by private developers, with support from the Council in improving the amenity value of Caroline Bay.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S60	p120	SC Historical Society
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Museum

The Plan states that it is likely the Museum facilities will need to be expanded in the future but that this is unlikely to happen during the life of the plan. The SCHS believe that this delay is unacceptable and that more definite steps should be put into the plan. Requests that feasibility planning for extending the Museum be commenced immediately. Numerous issues will impact on the museums future, outlined in the submission.

South Canterbury Museum Manager's Comments

The Museum will be undertaking a feasibility study, subject to availability of external funding, in 2 009-10. This study should address a number of the issues raised in this submission. The current LTCCP has not allowed funding for extending the building over the next 10 years. This issue should be addressed in the next major LTCCP review in three year's time, when the findings of the feasibility study can inform likely future development and appropriate financial planning put in place. The Museum will definitely require expansion to meet probable demand within a ten-year period.

Recommendation:

That financial data for the further development of the Museum site be incorporated into the 2012-2022 LTCCP utilising the information obtained from the 2009-10 feasibility study into the Museum's current roles and potential for further development. Consideration should be given to commencing development work as soon as possible within the 2012-2022 LTCCP timeframe.

S61	p122	Laver, Aileen
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Aquatic Centre

To spend \$23.5m on an aquatic centre is madness for a town of this size! Suggests Council put a roof on the existing pool at Maori Park and spruce it up a bit.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S62	p124	Rogers, Ian
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Water Supply

Pleasant Point Water Supply - currently faces restrictions during the summer months. With increased demand and new dwellings being built, Council need to address an already inadequate water supply and address this issue in the long term plan.

Drainage and Water Managers Comments

The Pleasant Point water supply experiences extremely high demands at times, significantly higher than what might be considered reasonable, and demand management strategies including water restrictions, leakage control and infrastructure renewals are necessary to stay within consent limits.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S63	p125	Lister, R.J.
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Airport

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District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

Recommendation:

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S64	p126	SC Hockey Turf Trust
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Parks

Thanks Council for funding support and the low interest loan necessary for turf development at Aorangi Park. Encourages Council to develop policy which further promotes and enhances the use of the SBS Events Centre as a turf development at Aorangi Park. Encourages Council to develop policy.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The important thing here is to work with all potential users and the SBS Events Centre Board and management with a view to overcoming any impediments to greater use of the SBS Events Centre.

Recommendation:

That where necessary Council takes an active role in facilitating discussions between parties to contribute to a greater use of the SBS Events Centre

Council Policy

Requests Council should consider an equitable funding policy for all sports for future capital and major maintenance funding for facilities.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

A review of capital funding may be beneficial. However to be able to implement anything meaningful a review of financial contributions would be needed first. Otherwise Council would have very limited ability to contribute.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S65	p128	Ivey, Roberta. R.
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Library

Access to the library (from the rear carpark) is difficult for the elderly on cold and wet days. Seldom is there available carparks at the entrance. Is it possible to have the back door available for the elderly who are parked in the car park?

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Unfortunately the need for security at the rear door is greater than it was when this measure was introduced several years ago. Loss of material is a serious issue and if the rear door was to be opened again it would require additional staff to provide an issue desk at that door.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S66	p130	Mehlhoft, AD
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Airport

Suggest the Airport is partly run as a commercial operation and partly as a recreational facility.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

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S67	p131	de Lacey, Max
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Transport

Suggests the section of track adjacent to Waimataitai beach be sealed for cyclists and pedestrians when the current sewer replacement is complete. The track currently

accumulates large puddles after rain making it unsuitable for both cyclists and pedestrians.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Transport

Concerned that there is no safe way for cyclists and pedestrians to cross the road where the Benvenue track joins the Virtue Ave bay area.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

There is a crossing point about 20 metres to the south. However the desire line is directly across the road by the viaduct. There needs to be a barrier or offset at this point to stop people going straight across the road in front of vehicles. As this is the end of the legal road, funds are available within the existing LTU budget to create an additional crossing point.

Recommendation:

That an additional crossing point is installed to link the Benvenue Cliff track and the track that continues to the courts and aviary.

Transport

Suggests the bay viaduct area be made more user friendly for commuter cyclists. It is imperative this is done as an alternative cycle route if cycling on Evans Street remains the way it is.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The Timaru Transportation strategy recognises that an alternative cycling route to Evans Street is a viable option. The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

S68	p133	Fairview Public Hall Society
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Rates

The Fairview Public Hall Society requests to increase the Hall Levy for the Fairview district to \$20.00 per year (currently \$10.00). This increase is to cover additional costs of insurance etc.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

This rate is charged on behalf of the Hall Society for operating the hall. There are currently 181 ratepayers that incur this rate.

Recommendation:

That the Fairview Community Hall rate be increased to \$20 as recommended by the Society.

S69	p135	Smith, Colin & Neville
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Airport

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District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51.

Recommendation:

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S70	p136	Environment Canterbury
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Community Outcomes

ECan supports the Community Outcome "Protection of unspoiled landscapes and views" (p.289) and advocates the wording be amended to improve the means to measure this outcome. Amended measures should read: "Incidence of Plant and animal pests; and Nature and extent of land use change."

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

This information is useful and is recommended for inclusion.

Recommendation:

That p. 289 of the LTCCP is amended to include the measures – 'Incidence of plant and animal pests' and 'Nature and extent of land use change' and 'Amount of district land (ha) affected by pest animals and plants' is deleted.

District Planning

Support existing funding and request the Council ensure that adequate funding is secured to provide for the completion of the district-wide assessment of significant native vegetation and significant habitats of native fauna.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Environment Canterbury's support is noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

LTCCP Assumptions

Request assumptions for sustainable development amended to acknowledge the potential risk from local energy security issues and from global oil depletion through the life of the Plan.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The Council has not considered in detail the issue of peak oil at a policy level and it may be appropriate to further consider this issue.

Recommendation:

That the Council continues to monitor the peak oil issue.

Social Housing

ECan supports Councils intentions to provide for energy efficiency projects in Council social housing. Requests inclusion of specific detail of what is to be measured and how Levels of Service are to be effectively quantified for these projects.

Property Manager's Comments

Support noted. Council will continue to upgrade insulation in its older units as part of its ongoing annual works programme. Current levels of service for social housing include the provision of quality units. Warm units are viewed as part of providing that quality.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Transport

Suggests some refinement of transport section in the LTCCP, including describing and providing for the strategic management, use and development of the transport network asset, plans for modest but continual investment in bus stops/shelters, reference to safety/public transport in the community outcomes, reference to role of Regional Transport Committee/Land Transport Plan, more explanation and targets re active transport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Road safety is included under community outcomes and Public transport is inferred through support for a range of transport modes. Public Transport bus services are not Council's core business, this is the responsibility of the Regional Council.

Council has a number of transport strategies. In addition to the Timaru Transportation strategy Council will be reviewing the Active Transport Strategy in 2009 and supports the joint review of the Timaru Metro bus strategy that has commenced. Agree that Council should consider a provision for funding for bus service infrastructure to support the implementation of the Timaru Metro Bus strategy.

Agree that the relationship between Council's transport programme and the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) is not clearly defined in the LTCCP. Any road project or activity where financial assistance is sought from NZTA must be included in the RLTP. The Regional Transport Committee (RTC) prepare the RLTP and prioritise the projects for funding purposes. A project or activity not in the RLTP will not be financially assisted.

Recommendation:

1. *Include additional section in the Transport section of the LTCCP on the relationship with the Regional Transport Committee and Regional Land Transport Programme as follows:
“All roading projects and activities seeking financial assistance from the National Land Transport Fund that is administered by NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) must be included and prioritised where appropriate in the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP). A project or activity not in the RLTP will not be financially assisted. Responsibility for preparing the RLTP lies with the Regional Transport Committee (RTC). The RTC prepares the RLTP on behalf of the Canterbury Regional Council as required in the Land Transport Management Act amendment 2008. The RLTP contains activities that have been submitted by the District Councils NZTA (Highways) and Department of Conservation in the Canterbury Region. The RTC is not accountable for the delivery of the activities in the RLTP this remains with Council.” In addition some of the information contained in the Info Box within the transport section of the LTCCP should be retained in the final plan.*
2. *The TDC Active Transport Strategy and the Timaru metro public transport strategy will both be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling and bus services. The strategies will develop of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. These strategies are the cornerstone of sustainable transport.*
3. *That Council consider the outcomes of the Metro bus review and Timaru bus strategy implementation issues in the 2010/11 budget and encourage greater use of the sustainable transport mode.*

Waste Management

ECan supports Councils intentions to manage wastes through compost, recycling and refuse disposal, and to responsibly manage the Redruth landfill.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Wastewater

Requests Performance Targets for sewerage discharges be amended to achieve 100% compliance with conditions of Resource Consents, and to avoid all other sewage overflows over the life of the LTCCP.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Although it is the goal of Council to comply fully with all consents, it is recognised that circumstances can arise which may result in no more than a minor breach in resource consent conditions, which is considered a more practical performance measure.

It is also not realistic to expect no sewer overflows due to network failure and/or blockages. Although these overflows will be avoided, they will not necessarily be eliminated, and again are considered a relevant performance measure.

Recommendation:

No change to the proposed performance measures.

Water Supply

Support intent of plan to meet drinking water standards. Requests the LTCCP is amended to refer to the aims of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the potential for its implementation to influence work programmes.

Management Team's Comments

The strategy is currently going through a consultation process. Support of the Water Strategy is a matter for Council consideration.

Recommendation:

That the outcome of the Canterbury Water Strategy process is considered by Council when completed.

Water Supply

Requests Levels of Service Performance Measures (p.195-196) are amended to seek 100% compliance with Resource Consents for discharges and water takes.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Although it is the goal of Council to comply fully with all consents, it is recognised that circumstances can arise which may result in no more than a minor breach in resource consent conditions, which is considered a more practical performance measure.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S71	p148	Ladbrook, Gavin
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Airport

The LTCCP only looks at the facilities from the perspective of commercial users. Requests Council takes into account the recreation and leisure component of the Timaru Airport.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

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S72	p150	Pilcher, Craig
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Airport

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District Services Manager's Comments

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Recommendation:

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S73	p152	SC Museum Development Trust
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Museum

Requests Council ensure that further development of the districts museum building is built into the ten year plan. Failure to do so will jeopardise the current momentum that has been developed through the Council's operation of the Museum and its capacity to meet future needs.

South Canterbury Museum Manager's Comments

See comments for Submission 60 from SC Historical Society.

Recommendation:

That financial data for the further development of the Museum site be incorporated into the 2012-2022 LTCCP utilising the information obtained from the 2009-10 feasibility study into the Museum's current roles and potential for further development. Consideration should be given to commencing development work as soon as possible within the 2012-2022 LTCCP timeframe.

S74	p153	The Art of Demolition Ltd
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Waste Management

Bulk waste management in particular C&D/demolition construction and all its parameters.

Senior Waste Officer's Comments

Council recognises that construction and demolition waste form a large part of waste to landfill. Council will consider all initiatives to process any waste stream on a case-by-case basis.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S75	p154	Orari River Protection Group (Inc)
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Biodiversity

Requests Council recognise the uniqueness of the Blue Duck in the Canterbury foothills, supports the groups Blue Duck recovery programme and ensures that any development proposals in the foothills will take Blue Duck habitat into consideration.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

The uniqueness of the Blue Duck and its habitat is recognised and the efforts of the Orari River Protection Group to preserve this species and habitat is acknowledged. In considering any development within this habitat the Resource Management Act requires that regard be given to the impact of development on unique habitat and species. Timaru District Council is currently progressing an SNA survey which reviews all areas of significant indigenous flora and habits of indigenous fauna.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

District Planning

Significant Natural Heritage - Requests Council provide sufficient funds to help landowners protect and/or enhance areas of significance.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

An SNA fund of \$35,000 has been included in the 09/10 budget to protect identified Significant Natural Areas. Currently funded.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Suggests the Plan adopt a less "resourcist" approach towards water resources in the region and also include protection of the recreational, ecological, aesthetic, and conservation interests of some of our very special foothill and glacial rivers.

Management Team's Comments

This is under consideration via the Canterbury Strategic Water study, which is currently the subject of submissions via ECan.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water

Canterbury Strategic Water Strategy - Request Council adopt and support the guiding principles of the proposed plan.

Management Team's Comments

The strategy is currently going through a consultation process. Support of the Water Strategy is a matter for Council consideration.

Recommendation:

That the outcome of the Canterbury Water Strategy process is considered by Council when completed.

S76	p156	Ladbrook, Jo
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Aquatic Centre

Support Aquatic Centre. Have travelled to Oamaru for swimming lessons for young children, which is time consuming and costly. Would like this to be offered locally, without waiting lists to ensure children the ability to be watersafe.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. The support for the new Aquatic Leisure Centre is noted.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S77

p157

Laming, Mark and Trish

Aquatic Centre

Applauds Council's decision to proceed with the Aquatic Centre, however rather than incorporating a cafe into the development where it would be user specific, why not look at an alfresco type cafe complex on the Bay.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. The cafeteria within the new Aquatic Leisure Centre will be matched to the facility whereas a café on Caroline Bay would need to meet a different market segment.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Caroline Bay

Applauds Council's decision to proceed with the redevelopment. The new boardwalk will attract people to the Bay and waterfront but more needs to be done to attract tourists and locals. Instead of building a cafe into the new Aquatic Centre, why not look at building an alfresco type cafe complex right on the waterfront in conjunction with the boardwalk development.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This type of development would need to be commercially viable and able to establish in a manner compliant with resource consents required in the coastal area by ECan's Regional Coastal Environment Plan.

Enquiries have been received in the past but nothing has eventuated. There are no funds available in the Caroline Bay Redevelopment budget.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

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Holwell, Jean

Parks

Requests provision for the planting of trees in every available area be included in the Plan. Numerous benefits as listed. Suggestion re community planting.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The benefits of trees are widely publicised and not disputed. There needs to be a balance with other spaces for recreation, sport and exercise also. There also are issues about shading and frost pockets etc to consider as well as a need to fund tree planting and maintenance to a higher level. This is not available within the budget.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Public Transport

Requests Public Transport takes greater prominence in the Plan.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The operation of the Timaru bus service is the responsibility of Environment Canterbury. The Timaru Passenger Transport Strategy for the future of the bus service

is presently being reviewed. This is a joint TDC and ECan project. The strategy review and consultation will identify improvements or changes to the service and targets to achieve in the future. ECan include regional bus services as part of the regional passenger transport strategy.

Recommendation:

That the submission on bus services be referred to Environment Canterbury for consideration as part of the Timaru Metro bus strategy review.

Waste Management

Requests Council ensure that all companies involved in the packaging process be made aware that use of more packaging than is necessary is unacceptable. Other Councils should be encouraged to support this initiative.

District Service Manager's Comments

The new Waste Minimisation Act allows the identification of priority product stewardship schemes. Regulations are currently being drafted that will address this issue.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water

With growing numbers of dairying units in South Canterbury our precious water resources must be very carefully managed. Conservation and storage of water must be a high priority in the Plan.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Council intends to develop water services demand management strategic plans in the next two years. Bulk raw water storage at the sources is not planned at present.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S79	p159	Iles, Hilary
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Active Transport

Requests better cycle routes/lanes be included as part of improving the regions environmental footprint. People walking, cycling or taking public transport is achievable in towns the size of Timaru, Temuka, Winchester, Geraldine etc.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Future Community Planning

The LTCCP is just a small step along the way for future planning. The Council needs to consider a long term view of 50-100 years+. For a sustainable future where all

resources of food, water and power will need to be provided locally this must be considered now.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The Council is planning for beyond ten years, particularly with regards to major infrastructure projects, such as wastewater management. The Council is addressing and monitoring areas where it has a direct involvement and attempting to influence areas where it has no direct influence.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Stormwater

Swales could be installed with all major and minor roading improvements. The swales would reduce the amount of pollution getting into our stormwater, slow the stormwater down, be more aesthetically pleasing, provide more biodiversity and further reduce the districts environmental footprint.

Drainage and Water Managers Comments

The benefits of the incorporation of swales and retention ponds as part of the stormwater network are recognised, and are considered as part of any roading and stormwater improvement project.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainability/Sustainable Development

New innovative technology - Some additional new technology for Council to consider:

1. Proposed street lighting could be powered by solar panels or by using a form of speed bump in the road to generate the power (this has been trialled successfully in the UK).
2. Methane capture from Redruth as a source of power.

Management Team's Comments

Council is continuing to monitor new technology and implement where appropriate and cost effective.

Recommendation

That the submission be received and noted.

S80	p161	Squeaky Wheel
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Active Transport

Squeaky Wheel support delivery of active transport projects and review and delivery of Active Transport Plans. Suggest however that LTCCP approach re active transport suffers from a lack of coordination and integration of active transport modes. Cycling should be regarded as an integral and essential component of the TDC transport network. The Council should have real inspiration/vision for active transport/cycling in Timaru District.

Request Active Transport Strategy(ATS) steering group, ATS reviewed and ratified and prioritised, timelined budget of initiatives, secure, covered cycle parking outside TDC, library building & in new parking building, building regs to include provision of secure, convenient cycle parking, pursuit by TDC towards onroad cycle lanes on State

Highways (especially through Timaru), realistic financial commitment by TDC to active transport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The LTCCP has provision for the review of the TDC Active Transport Strategy in 2009/10. Financial assistance (75%) from NZTA is expected to be approved in the next couple of months and is a high priority project in the RLTP. This comprehensive review will be subject to consultation including a steering group. The Strategy will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including an implementation plan and funding resources required. Terms of reference are available.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the Active Transport Strategy Review and Squeaky Wheel are invited to be part of the steering group.

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South Canterbury Federated Farmers

Differentials

Support retention of differential system and differentials as proposed.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Fees and Charges

Concerned at considerable increases in some proposed fees. LTCCP should justify these increases.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Council is trying to recover costs from users where appropriate in line with the Revenue and Financing Policy, otherwise the costs need to be met by all ratepayers in the District. Proposed changes to the Lodgement Fees for Resource Management Act services represent an adjustment in the 'deposit' payable. The total fee payable will include the lodgement fee plus any additional costs together with any staff costs not covered by the lodgement fee.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Federated Farmers support Council's approach in presenting predicted financial information in current \$ terms. Intend to pursue the matter with Audit Office.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Concerned at predicted increase in rate requirement and increasing level of long term debt. Question whether LTCCP demonstrates discipline of prioritising essential expenditure and being discerning on luxury items. Timaru should adopt a policy that aims to limit future rate increases to that of inflation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Recreation and Leisure

Activities in this group are traditional, rather than core. Council should review items that impact on rates increases/debt and take measures to effect a sustainable and non-inflationary budget.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The most significant item/change in this group of activities is, of course, the impact of the aquatic centre. The submission suggests it should be more user-pays so it does not impact on rate increases?

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Transport should be funded by road user, not property owners. Federated Farmers policy is for a flat 90% financial assistance rate for local authorities, with 10% funded through a local authority fixed charge. TDC should advocate an increase in the financial assistance rate to 90%. Question allocation of Timaru CBD cameras to the district wide rate.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council supports any increase in financial assistance rates from government for roading. However, this is a government decision and it is acknowledged that there is insufficient funding for required roading projects under the current financial assistance system and any increase in assistance rates is highly unlikely. If financial assistance rates were increased less projects may receive government funding resulting in Council's having to fund a greater share of the road costs from local rates anyway. The alternative is substantial increases in fuel taxes.

The Timaru CBD cameras are used by Police to reduce district crime. This is district community benefit and therefore district wide funded.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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McMillan, Andrew

Active Transport

LTCCP should place more urgency on delivery of cyclelanes in Timaru, particularly the route from Timaru to Washdyke. Suggest construction of a two directional walking and cycling route away from SH1.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will be subject to consultation including a steering group. The Strategy will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including an implementation plan and funding resources required. Terms of reference are available.

Council is continuing to implement cycling lanes. In June 2007 there were 29km of cycle lanes in Timaru District increasing to 82km by June 2008. Further cycle lanes have recently been installed.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the Active Transport Strategy Review.

Alpine Energy Stadium

This land should retain its recreational zoning or the Council should purchase the land should it be sold. Should not be rezoned or subdivided for residential.

Chief Executive's Comments

Current zoning is recreational and the submitter asks that the continued recreation zoning be confirmed in the LTCCP or the Council provides to buy the land for recreation purposes if it is to be sold. It would not be appropriate to refer to zoning in the LTCCP as that is a District Plan matter. However, as part owner of the site the Council would be involved in any ownership discussions.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Building Control

Proposal for 100% target for efficient and timely delivery of building consents and PIMs by 2010 is unrealistic and unachievable without increasing spending.

Building/Environmental Services Manager's Comments

The Building Act requires 100% compliance in this regard and of recent times this target has been achieved.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Climate Change

LTCCP does not mention sea level rise or coastal erosion, or monitoring of effects of climate change on the district.

Strategic Planning Manager's/District Planner's Comments

The Council is aware of climate change issues and predictions. It is included as part of the LTCCP assumptions on page 216 of the Draft Plan, and some activities (e.g. stormwater) are providing specifically for its potential effects. It is continuing to monitor information from various agencies (e.g. Environment Canterbury, Ministry for the Environment), including the response of the new government to the issue.

Climate Change leading to sea level rise and consequent coastal erosion is an international issue. Timaru District Council will take a precautionary approach in approving new land use in potentially affected areas.

Environment Canterbury has a role in monitoring the effects of climate change, particularly coastal erosion.

Recommendation:

That the Council continue to monitor climate change material and formulate appropriate responses for its activities in the Timaru District.

District Planning

Residential development in Timaru lags other centres in the district and neighbouring districts. What can be done to rectify this situation.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Council recently commissioned a report on Demographic Change and Growth throughout the district. The findings of the report are being implemented through an in depth study to establish which areas of the district are appropriate for rezoning for residential purposes.

The amount of residential development occurring in any District is a reflection of demand and the profitability of land development./ real estate prices. Timaru District provides the environment, through zoning, for residential development to occur. There is no shortage of vacant residential zoned land in the urban areas of Timaru District.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Transport

Planning for North Street overbridge should be revisited. North Street overbridge will bring little benefit.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The benefit of the southern port access overbridge and review of the options has been determined through the land designation process and the Timaru transportation strategy. These have been independently reviewed. However the bridge will not be constructed until it is needed particularly when traffic using the southern port access experiencing unacceptable delays or safety compromised due to the rail crossing operation. An efficient southern access is essential to the future development and economic viability of the Timaru port and businesses located in the Port area.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

Council should lead the way by introducing kerbside hazardous waste collection.

District Service Manager's Comments

The new Waste Minimisation Act allows the identification of priority product stewardship schemes. Regulations are currently being drafted that will address this issue.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

District Planning

Request inclusion of objective that the Council acts as an effective centre of support, advice and guidance for District Planning. Suggestions re changes in levels of service for District Planning, customer satisfaction levels and development of more meaningful targets with effective measurement.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Planners and Regulatory staff generally are very happy to assist and guide the public with respect to planning and regulatory issues. It remains, however that, within this activity, the council is the regulator and this can limit the assistance able to be given if, as required, we are to retain a neutral stance. In consequence applicants will generally require appropriate professional advice and guidance for more complex planning proposals, such as plan changes.

Turning specifically to the points 1 - 5 raised in the submission.

- 1. Agree that the submitters suggestion is an appropriate objective to include.*
- 2. It is suggested that the wording proposed by the submitter, as a level of service, is appropriate.*
- 3. High levels of customer satisfaction for regulatory activities are particularly difficult to achieve however it is considered that 80% customer satisfaction should be achievable in a much shorter timeframe than 2019.*
- 4. Adoption of the submitters proposals, it is considered, results in some review of the planning targets. A full review could be undertaken. It remains however that our records are the only data against which we can measure performance.*
- 5. The proposed new computer system includes provision to generate better planning data and reports. It is anticipated that the new programme will provide "a more robust tool".*

During the past year there has been an unprecedented level of staff turn over in the Planning Unit. It is anticipated that we are now entering a period of greater stability within the Unit which should result in higher levels of service.

Recommendation:

That the submitter's suggestions, as summarised in the comments above be accepted.

Airport

Suggests that the Richard Pearse Airport be partially run as a commercial operation (scheduled services and airport based business) and partially run as a recreational facility (to support recreational users, i.e. microlights, gliders etc). Several suggestions re treatment of airport for commercial and recreational use.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

Recommendation:

- 1 That landing fees remain the same for 2009/10*
- 2 That formal discussions be held with clubs and/or organisations representing users of the Timaru Airport Facilities in order to investigate alternative options for charging users.*

- 3 That Council cap the rates input to the Airport Activity as shown in the Draft LTCCP.

S85	p179	Lynch, Paul
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Parks

Requests extension of coastal walkway from Saltwater Creek original mouth to Jacks Point on the seaward side of the railway tracks (approx 1km).

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This would have great support but would require land access. It is something that could be pursued if funding was available.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S86	p181	Jarrold, Annette
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Aquatic Centre

Design should include a diving board, particularly for young divers.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. The concept of a rapid river is being considered for inclusion at the present time. An area to the east has been allocated for a future diving well.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Cemeteries

Suggest Council should consider living memorials (e.g. trees) as done in other areas.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

While this idea has merit there are considerable space constraints in existing cemeteries. It may be possible to allow an area in new cemeteries in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Suggest plantings for floral beds around town kept simple, plain and reliable.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Most plantings are tried and true but it is preferable to try new varieties in a small percentage of areas so that future plantings can be planned for.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Suggests speed reduction for Marine Parade to 30km/hour. Dangers from car, trucks speeding and Caroline Bay eastern carpark and port turnoff.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council must set speed limits in a lawful manner in accordance with the rules set by the Ministry of Transport. The present 50 km/hr speed limit is the lowest speed legally able to be implemented for this road. If a lower speed was posted then it would not be legally enforceable.

Improvements to Marine Parade in the vicinity of the Port entrance and Caroline Bay car park are underway that should improve safety in this area and overcome this issue.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be advised of recent engineering safety improvements in Marine Parade.

Waste Management

Suggest use methane from landfill used for electricity or extracted from new wastewater plant.

District Service Manager's Comments

Refer to Submission 3. In addition, there maybe opportunities to manufacture and collect Biogas as part of the Wastewater Upgrade projects. Our specialist advisors are very conversant with this technology and it may be utilised depending on the wastewater treatment methodology used.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S87	p183	North End Ford
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District Planning

Geraldine requires a commercial light industrial park within cycling distance. Lack of land is stifling growth, with regular requests for land or buildings. Washdyke is not a viable option.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

The availability of industrial land in the Geraldine area is currently being given some consideration, associated with the work currently being undertaken to identify areas of Geraldine appropriate for residential development. It may be that a more detailed study of the availability of industrial land ensues from this study.

Recommendation:

That the Submitter is advised of progress on the current project being carried out by Opus.

S88	p185	Rhodes, S & B
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Aquatic Centre

Do not support proceeding with Aquatic Centre in its present form.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S89

p187

Norbury, Grant

Biodiversity

Effective and sustainable protection of ecosystems on private land in Timaru requires more than District Plan rules. TDC should acquire more knowledge of indigenous biological diversity, establish a voluntary biodiversity protection programme, appoint a person with biodiversity responsibilities, and disseminate info on biodiversity and ecosystem services provided. Imperative to ensure effective protection in place.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Council funds and implements a Significant Natural Area programme, and is currently progressing an SNA survey which reviews all areas of Significant indigenous flora and habits of indigenous fauna. Biodiversity responsibilities are shared between several different agencies including the Department of Conservation and Environment Canterbury.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Talbot Forest Working Group

Biodiversity

Support continued funding to protect Significant Natural Areas and Landscapes and urge Council to protect landscape values of the district and particularly Geraldine area for inappropriate development.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Timaru District Council is currently conducting an SNA survey which reviews all areas of significant indigenous flora and habits of indigenous fauna in the District. Additionally a landscape study of the Geraldine Downs area has recently been completed and is current the subject of consultation with the Geraldine Community Board.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Parks

Concerned at by not increasing the parks budget, maintenance standards will not be able to be maintained at the same level, and support for new initiatives will be curtailed. Cutbacks will have a cumulative effect. Talbot Forest Working Group urges Council to reconsider decision and allow for an increase in the annual budget.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S91	p191	Tolworthy, JE & R
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Aquatic Centre

Oppose building of new Aquatic Centre. Is not affordable for Council or people paying for it. It will not be used. Councillors are servants of the ratepayers.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Rates

Rates should be kept to the rate of inflation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S92	p193	O'Connell, A.
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Aquatic Centre

Do not support proposed Aquatic Centre. Is too costly to build and why should all ratepayers be burdened with the costs. Will not pay for the extra rates, if built.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S93	p195	Hockey South Canterbury
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Parks

Thanks Council for assistance for turf development at Aorangi Park and long term planning approach for Aorangi Park. Encourage further promotion of the SBS Events Centre as a venue.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This will require additional funding if Council is to take an active role or conversely the Board of the SBS Events Centre could be asked to increase its promotion.

Recommendation

That Council discuss promotion with the SBS Events Centre administration.

Council Policy

Requests Council should consider an equitable funding policy for all sports for future capital and major maintenance funding for facilities.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

A review of capital funding may be beneficial. However to be able to implement anything meaningful a review of financial contributions would be needed first. Otherwise Council would have very limited ability to contribute.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S94

p197

Young, Andrew

Aquatic Centre

Aquatic Centre should be put on hold, as is far too risky from a financial point of view and location is ill chosen.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Education

Lobby to have local schools curricula weighted to teach understanding of what Councils do.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The school curriculum is dictated by national requirements but there are opportunities to explain what local authorities do during visits to the Council Chambers and Mayoral offices. There are also opportunities before and during elections to involve schools in mock elections.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Electricity

Govt should be lobbied to decommission High Tension Direct Current Line from Benmore to Haywards and Benmore output transferred to produce hydrogen gas and oxygen.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Comments noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Emergency Management

Sufficient resources should be available for emergencies. (e.g. beds, shelter).

Regulatory Services Manager's/Emergency Management Officer's Comments

Current emergency management practice does not support the warehousing of emergency supplies but rather necessary specific resources are sourced during any event.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Council should maintain current base of activities, but not be concerned with high profile projects, or private enterprise should be invited to participate.

Management Team's Comments

Council has not changed its base of activities. Times of recession can be beneficial for large projects, with low interest rates and competitive tendering.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Health

Surplus funds should be used to augment critical shortfalls in health requirements.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

There are no surplus funds, certainly not for Government responsibilities like health.

Recommendation:

That submission be received and noted.

Transport

Council should press govt for an electrified line between Chch and Dunedin, linked to airports. This would enable closure of loss earning Timaru airport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The introduction of a passenger rail service to Timaru is a business decision for the rail operator, Kiwirail. Rail is separately funded by government outside the National Land Transport Fund and is not part of the Ministry of Transport. Current legislation prevents Rail projects from being included in Regional or National Transport Plans.

Recommendation:

That submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

Complete dumping area should be located and used for all South Island waste, with and electrified rail link.

District Service Manager's Comments

Current Transport costs for this option are prohibitive.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Supply

Potable water should only be provided on a domestic basis, with supply restricted to households. Other enterprises should provided their own systems if greater sterility required. Emergency potable supplies should be assured on a standby basis.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

The Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand do not provide for the delivery of untreated water to households with onsite treatment units for anything other than very small supplies or rural agricultural supplies that do not provide more than 25% of the supplied water for household use, in conjunction with approved Public Health Risk Management Plans. The delivery of emergency potable water supplies are part of emergency management considerations.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S95

p198

Energy Smart

Request for Funding

Request funding of a minimum of \$15,000 or up to \$50,000 per annum for three years towards the South Canterbury Healthy Homes project, to enable retrofitting of a minimum 425 homes annually. Project provides health, environmental, economic and energy benefits for the district and individuals. Funding if approved will enable EECA to contribute an extra 60% of the total confirmed third party funding.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The recent budget may provide additional funding for this work to be carried out as part of the Central Government initiative.

Recommendation:

That no funding is provided and that other sources are investigated by Energy Smart.

Social Housing

Support Council's commitment to refurbishment of units.

Property Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S96

p205

Purvis, Murray

Democracy

Contentious issues should be voted on when Council elections are held via referendum or sent with rate demands and not via newspapers.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

There is provision for ratepayer polls on issues and this was used for the Aquatic Centre siting. However the cost of a poll would be over \$60,000, or half that if conducted with an election, and therefore is used sparingly. Newspaper consultation is less costly and covers a wider range of people rather than just voters.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Social Housing

Realistic rate to be charged, with accelerated increase over the next 10 years.

Property Manager's Comments

Rentals are set annually following assessment of projected works while also looking to the affordability of such increases by tenants on fixed incomes. Point noted about need to have further increases to meet future upgrades.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S97	p207	Stray, Peter
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District Planning

Request continuation of residential zone on North side of Pages Road 50 metres deep to line up with existing Residential 6 zone on south side of Pages Road. This to enable development of wider range of desirable housing.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

This possibility is being considered as part of a study currently being undertaken to identify areas suitable for residential development throughout the district.

Recommendation:

That the matter is referred to the Regulatory Services Committee for consideration.

S98	p211	Bennett, Martyn
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Aquatic Centre

Support development of Aquatic Centre. Do not let older district members stop something that will benefit future populations.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Wastewater

Support removal of wastewater and that it is suitably treated to not impact on beaches and waterways.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

The Inland Towns pipeline has removed the discharge of wastewater effluent from waterways and the major upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant will provide the suitable treatment to comply with the renewed ocean outfall resource consent.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Supply

Support maintaining drinking water quality.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S99	p213	Thornley, A & L
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Active Transport

Access governments fund for cycleways with suggested route for Timaru district track.

Land Transport Manager's Comment

The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Aquatic Centre

Support development of Aquatic Centre as planned and including fitness centre. Also suggest prolong life of existing 50M pool to enable national events.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. Maori Park Pool will have some major maintenance in order to make it usable for ten years. It is unlikely that 50m national events will be held at Maori Park, however, Regional Events will certainly be held in the new Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Century Pool

Suggest leased to local schools and clubs for training.

District Services Manager's Comments

Council considered this matter in April 2009 and resolved as follows:

- 1 "That Council policy be that the current Century Pool Facility close at the time of the commissioning of the proposed Aquatic Leisure Centre.
- 2 That the Timaru District community be canvassed with regard to options for the future use of the Century facility."

Registrations of interest are currently being advertised.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally advised of Council's strategy in this matter.

S100	p215	Collins, Kevin
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Dee Street Water Well

Request to open the Dee Street Well and construct a small reserve around it, putting the well on display to highlight its history. Could be enhanced by lighting, traffic calming measures, information boards etc. and carried out in conjunction with other upgrading works for Council services.

District Services Manager's Comments

In September 2004, a report on this topic was presented to Council. Council referred the matter to the 2005 Budget meeting. At that meeting it was resolved "THAT the Old Well, Dee Street be referred to the umbrella group being established to co-ordinate all the various historic interest groups in the district capable of attracting outside finance for heritage protection issues."

My understanding is that the “umbrella group” has not been formed and therefore the issue has not progressed. An estimate for the work suggested has not been developed because the scope has not been defined.

Recommendation:

The submitter be thanked for the submission, however, in the current financial situation funding is not available for this work.

S101	p220	Mallett, John
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Noise Control

Request changes to the Noise Control system to ensure warnings last for a month or verbal warning removed altogether. Better information required around what can be done about noise intrusions. Noise from parties needs to be stopped more quickly.

Building/Environmental Services Managers' Comments

Council funds and provides a noise control service which is available at all times. The policy associated with this service clearly sets out a graduated response to repeat offended culminating in the issue of noise abatement notices. Noise abatement notices in respect of particular properties are generally not uplifted, and ongoing noise from premises to which a noise abatement notice applies, can be dealt with relatively quickly by Noise Control Officers and the Police.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S102	p221	Carson, Gwenda
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Aquatic Centre

Opposed to Aquatic Centre adjacent to existing pool. Complex will cost too much and ratepayers cannot afford it. Also opposed to proposed gymnasium as part of Aquatic Centre. Should not prop up an existing business via partnership with the Council.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. The “Pacific Ocean” meets few of the needs of users of an Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Caroline Bay

Suggest construction of meet and greet area on Caroline Bay is more beneficial adjacent to the main parking lot, rather than on the proposed site. A warm welcoming sign with other areas signposted is adequate for this area.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Over 1200 submissions were received on the Redevelopment concept and the majority were in favour of the proposed layout.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Te Moana Water Scheme Committee

Water Supply

Concerned over treatment upgrade for Te Moana Water Supply.

Requirements are unrealistic for a rural scheme.

Reticulation of the scheme is in poor repair in light of recent experience.

Asset replacement budget is too low.

More needs to be spent and sooner.

Council needs to focus on rectifying lost water problem and appropriate monitoring/modeling.

Increased consumer demand is putting demands on scheme beyond its design.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

The potential high cost for water treatment of the Te Moana scheme is recognised, and an area wide water supply strategy investigation for the greater Geraldine area is being carried out to ensure the most cost effective water treatment and supply options are implemented.

Over \$100,000 per year is currently budgeted for asset renewals, with further upgrades to be carried out once the area wide strategy has been developed. Modelling of the scheme has been completed and monitoring is being carried out. Identifying and rectifying unaccounted for water, including leaks and illegal draw-offs, remains a focus.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Sport South Canterbury

Active Communities Initiative

Request acknowledgement in the LTCCP of this initiative, to begin July 2009 for 3 years, involving development of rural sports hubs in Temuka, Geraldine and Pleasant Point.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This is supported and a report will be presented to the June District Services Committee to approve an asterisked item in the 2008/09 budget.

Recommendation:

That Active Communities be included in the LTCCP as part of the Physical Activity Plan initiative.

Active Transport

Support Council School Travel Programme. Suggest target should be higher.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Support noted. Target has been based on resources and funding including financial assistance from Government. A higher target would require additional funding that may not receive government financial assistance.

Recommendation:

That this submission is received and noted.

Aquatic Centre

Support decision to proceed with Aquatic Leisure Centre. Request reference to Learn to Swim alongside other features of the centre, consultation with key stakeholders,

existing gym relocates rather than a new operator and other business opportunities investigated.

Do not support further funding for century Pool.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to Submission 8. In addition, Learn to Swim is an operational activity that will use the facilities within the Aquatic Leisure Centre. In a strategy document such as the LTCCP, it is not considered appropriate to list operational activities. Some further consultation will be carried out as the design is progressed.

Council decision on the Fitness Centre is aligned with the submission. The Century Pool item is a typographical error which will be amended in the final LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Footpaths

Concerned at reduction in satisfaction levels for footpath maintenance and encourage maintaining the status quo to reduce risks for elderly population. Safe footpaths important for active communities.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Agree that footpaths are important to promote an active community and that satisfaction targets should be maintained and not reduced from the previous LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the satisfaction target for resident satisfaction with the maintenance of footpaths be increased to 80%.

Parks

Congratulate Council on standard of playing fields and facilities. Request clarification on how level of service will be reduced.

Support Caroline Bay redevelopment.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. As contracts need to be renewed our existing favourable rates may not be available in future. Things that are not included in the contract such as sportsfield repairs and irrigation may need to be reduced. This may lead to a decline in sportsfields quality.

However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Physical Activity Plan

No acknowledgement of this in the LTCCP. This should be identified for review.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This is correct.

Recommendation:

That the Physical Activity Plan is acknowledged in the LTCCP.

Sport South Canterbury Contract

Grateful for ongoing support from Council for contract and commitment to encouraging physical activity. Would like clarification around reduction in level of service around physical activity and implications for contract.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Contract will be maintained and physical activity has been commented on previously.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Sleigh, A.J. & V.J.

Aquatic Centre

Do not support \$24M expenditure on aquatic centre. Facility costing \$12M would be more appropriate.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Rates

Concerned at future rate increase at greater level than inflation and future indebtedness. Council expenditure and loan raising should be more restrained than indicated in the LTCCP.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Major roads such as North, Church and Wai iti Road should be enhanced through planting of trees.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

These roads are key transportation corridors for vehicles, people walking, cycling and utility services such as water, power, telecommunications. Space within these major corridors is a premium and the addition of trees may restrict available space and therefore not recommended. Currently street plantings are focussed on enhancing residential neighbourhoods and high pedestrian area such as the CBD with the benefit of such trees often creating an environment that encourages lower traffic speeds. Additional planting will require additional funding to maintain these.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

LTCCP Assumptions

Main problems for the future are likely to be the results of climate change and peak oil.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The Council is aware of climate change issues and predictions. It is included as part of the LTCCP assumptions on page 216 of the Draft Plan, and some activities (e.g. stormwater) are planning specifically for its potential effects. It is continuing to monitor information from various agencies (e.g. Environment Canterbury, Ministry for the Environment), including the response of the new government to the issue.

The Council has not considered in detail the issue of peak oil at a policy level and it may be appropriate to further consider this issue.

Recommendation:

That the Council continue to monitor climate change material and formulate appropriate responses for its activities in the Timaru District.

That the Council continues to monitor the peak oil issue.

Parks

Oppose reduction in parks level of service, especially tree maintenance, general planting and maintenance.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainable Futures Park

This should be set up now, covering various topics.

District Services Manager's Comment

Request noted.

Recommendation

That the Sustainable Future Park proposal be subject to a further report to the District Services committee in 2009/10.

Transport

Passenger rail service should be reinstated. Council should lobby government.
Cross town minibus service should be introduced to feed main routes or substitute for large buses.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The introduction of a passenger rail service to Timaru is a business decision for the rail operator, Kiwirail. Rail is separately funded by government outside the National Land

Transport Fund and is not part of the Ministry of Transport. Current legislation prevents Rail projects from being included in Regional or National Transport Plans.

The operation of the Timaru bus service is the responsibility of Environment Canterbury. The Timaru Passenger Transport Strategy for the future of the bus service is presently being reviewed. This is a joint TDC and ECan project. The strategy review and consultation will identify improvements or changes to the service and targets to achieve in the future. ECan include regional bus services as part of the regional passenger transport strategy.

Recommendation:

That the submission on bus services be referred to Environment Canterbury for consideration as part of the Timaru Metro bus strategy review.

Waste Management

Bottle return depot and Computer scrap system should be introduced.

District Service Manager's Comments

To be effective, a bottle deposit scheme needs to be introduced on a national basis. A priority product scheme may support such a proposal. Council has approved the implementation of a Computer Day Waste Scheme in years 2011/12, 2013/14, 2015/16, etc.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Water Supply

Council should promote installation of rainwater barrels and tanks and water meters.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Rainwater harvesting would be useful where outdoor water use is high, and encouraging or requiring new houses, especially in the rural areas, to install rainwater storage systems could be considered. This, along with water metering, are tools that will be considered in the development of water services demand management strategies.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S107	p230	Binney, D.R.
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Aquatic Centre

Suggest targeted rate for Aquatic Centre should be differentiated. Cost of centre does not provide adequate benefits. Council should:

Upgrade Maori Park pool as set out in 2009/10.

Cancel call for interest in design and construction of Aquatic Centre.

Reconsult with the community, following review of Council services, with full disclosure of major components benefits and funding.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General LTCCP Approach

Support approach of Council to exclude inflation from forward cost projections.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates

Concerned at potential rate increase over the 10 years. Council should review all activities and downsize/downgrade or stop those that return least benefit. Essential spending should be rescheduled over a longer time period. Suggest operating some services in surplus in advance of capital works.

Chief Financial Officers Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rating Policy

Suggests revenue and financing policy and capital value vs land value requires real public consultation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Council considered changing the basis of charging rates but decided to remain with Land Value. The Revenue and Financing Policy has been reviewed and consulted on for the previous two LTCCP's as well as the current LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S108	p234	Parkin, Margaret
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Social Housing

Oppose not building further social housing units during the next 10 years. LTCCP recognises a waiting list and ageing population without the budget for new units. Less units are likely to become available as more people stay in their homes, including Council units. New units should be of a size suitable for a single person or couple. Suggests criteria for eligibility for social housing should be reviewed.

Property Manager's Comments

Points about ageing population noted. Council's older units in different localities are a mix of bedsits and one bedroom units, to cater for singles and married couples. The eligibility criteria is periodically reviewed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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General

Request that officers authorised to make alterations to the LTCCP as a result of changes in project timing, revision of projected expenditure and minor grammatical changes.

S110	p238	Anderson, Jennifer
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Aquatic Centre

Urge Council to review Aquatic Centre situation due to public opposition and ability of ratepayers to bear the costs of the project. Income from savings has been severely reduced in current economic climate and ability to bear increased rates.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General LTCCP Approach

Glossy publication. How many digest and read through it. Great to think of but not always carried out in practice. Could it be condensed.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The LTCCP and summary are both legally required to present a large amount of information to the public about Council activities and issues facing the Council. The purpose of the summary is to put this in a digestible format for all residents, although we appreciate this may not meet everyone's needs. We are always looking to improve.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

Refresher course required for updating what can be put into bins (e.g. bottles and jars [no lids]).

District Service Manager's Comments

Community education is ongoing via newspapers, radio and personal visits to groups and households.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Wastewater

Wastewater upgrade should be the top priority, above aquatic centre.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Improving the treatment of our wastewater effluent is a major focus for the next ten years, once the ocean outfall consent to discharge treated wastewater is renewed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S111	p240	Daly, Patrick
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District Planning

Understand land is to be rezoned from rural to industrial. Object to paying industrial rates.

Chief Financial Officer's comments

Irrespective of zoning, residential rates will be paid where the property is being used for residential use.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be advised accordingly.

S112	p242	Kunnen, Johannes
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Aquatic Centre

Oppose aquatic centre. Too far away from citizens and in poor location.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Caroline Bay

Improvements looks very good, but no protection for high seas, tsunami. Could dunes be higher, with rock walls required to protect them.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

A coastal engineer reviewed the plans and established a minimum height above sea level. As salt tolerant plants establish they will help bind the dunes. However nothing will be able to protect against an event such as a Tsunami.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Council Operations

Is council wage bill comparable with other cities. Look at who does what.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Recently published information in the media was incorrect. It is understood the Council wage bill is favourable to other similar size territorial authorities.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

LTCCP summary is too cumbersome for average ratepayer to read and understand. What is the cost of it?

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The LTCCP and summary are both legally required to present a large amount of information to the public about Council activities and issues facing the Council. The

purpose of the summary is to put this in a digestible format for all residents, although we appreciate this may not meet everyone's needs. We are always looking to improve. The summary costs around 50c per ratepayer to produce.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Stormwater

What has stormwater upgrading to do with climate change.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

A study of rainfall intensity data has shown an increase in recent times and climate change has the potential to further increase rainfall intensities. Therefore, the existing stormwater networks in places do not have sufficient capacity to meet the intended level of service (e.g. 1 in 5 year rain event) and network upgrades along with alternative stormwater management methods are necessary.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Timaru parking building

Plenty of parking in Timaru. Encourage travel by bus or foot.

Land Transport Managers Comments

Parking occupancy surveys demonstrate that parking demand is nearing available capacity. Capacity is decreasing through new developments in the CBD and additional parking is required. Council continues to support and promote travel by bus, foot and cycle but must also meet the demand of customers to ensure the CBD remains a vibrant commercial and retail area.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Southern port access well serviced by rail. Only 1km to find access to the port.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The benefit of the southern port access overbridge and review of the options has been determined through the land designation process and the Timaru transportation strategy. These have been independently reviewed. However the bridge will not be constructed until it is needed particularly when traffic using the southern port access experiencing unacceptable delays or safety compromised due to the rail crossing operation. An efficient southern access is essential to the future development and economic viability of the Timaru port and businesses located in the Port area.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S113	p244	Woodside Road Residents
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Broadband

Request Council make provision, via the CCO, for support of installation of internet connectivity to rural areas of Geraldine where not currently available. Activity should be listed as a clear target and outcome for annual service agreements with CCO.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council recently met with Telecom and then received a formal presentation outlining the upgrading to the network being undertaken as part of the Government's commitment to faster broadband, accessible to all providers. Impressions were that progress is good.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Request sealing of Woodside Road to be included in the LTCCP (at least in the short term partial sealing from Downlands Deer Transport to the Te Moana River road end). Reasons include growth, school bus route, increase in number of children, Downlands Deer, use by Council contractors, other vehicles and people, road too narrow in places, dust, poor maintenance and feeder road to Fairlie.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

In 2009/10 there is no funding for seal extensions and therefore a new seal extension list, in terms of Council policy, will be prepared for the 2010/11 budget process.

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

Woodside Road is a high priority at this point in time but at the current rate of funding this project will not be completed in the short term.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be advised that the seal extension of Woodside Road project will be completed in accordance with priorities set by the Council's seal extension policy and available funding.

Transport

Request:

- Inclusion of under Transport Level of Service table of item relating to sealing programme.
- Council should effectively lobby Land Transport Agency for more equitable funding.
- Provision made for increased maintenance of Woodside Road, until it is sealed.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

The NZ Transport Agency has advised that seal extensions are unlikely to receive financial assistance in the future due to higher priorities.

Adequate provision for maintenance of Woodside Road is included in current budgets.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S114	p248	Healthy Action Living Team (HALT)
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Active Transport

Encourage inclusion of cycleways and other strategies to encourage active people in Washdyke roading networks.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Funding has been included in proposed budgets for new footpaths in the Washdyke area.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Active Transport

Support active transport strategies and development of school travel plans. Request clarification as to whether the measure for travel plans is to be implemented annually, and whether measures to evaluate impact of the plans, impact of any reduction of funds on School travel plans. Request Active Transport Strategy become a final document.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The School Travel Plan target is two school travel plans completed annually. The plans will be evaluated following their implementation to determine effectiveness and any implementation issues as was done with the pilot plan for Waimataitai School. The plans may need review on an ongoing basis as student catchment area's change.

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. The final Strategy will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including an implementation plan and funding resources required and proposed to be by Council. The terms of reference for this project are available.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the Active Transport Strategy Review and the development of School Travel plans.

Aquatic Centre

Request TDC consult with stakeholders in early stages, not wider public to ensure the design, equipment and facilities will be practical for the community and user groups.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. Further input from specific groups will be arranged prior to completion of the detailed design.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Footpaths

Encourage a higher level of service for footpath satisfaction, with resultant benefits for safe walking and elderly population.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The new footpath maintenance contract now requires periodic inspection and condition assessment of all footpaths and renewal priorities are based on the condition, usage and type of user with elderly or mobility disadvantaged users given priority. Agree that footpaths condition is important for elderly users and that satisfaction targets should be maintained and not reduced from the previous LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the satisfaction target for resident satisfaction with the maintenance of footpaths be increased to 80%.

Physical Activity Plan

Encourage continued delivery and focus on implementing strategies of the plan.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This is correct.

Recommendation:

That the Physical Activity Plan is acknowledged in the LTCCP.

Parks

Support current facilities as provided. Request clarification of proposed service reduction. Encourage continued maintenance of sportsfields, playgrounds, physical activity services and event support, important for active healthy lifestyles. Support continued maintenance and development of walking/cycling tracks around the district.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Timaru parking building

Encourage Council to consider health impacts (e.g. linkages to walking, pedestrian safety) in planning for new CBD parking building and cyclist parking facilities.

Land Transport Managers Comments

The proposed new parking building will include provision for undercover cycle parking facilities. There are cycle parking facilities in Stafford Street with cycle rails provided to secure bikes. Pedestrian linkages and safety aspects associated with the proposed parking building will also be considered with priority.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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SC Forest & Bird Protection Society

Biodiversity

Request funding continues for district wide survey re locating and recording Significant Natural areas and for the Significant Natural areas fund to be maintained or increased.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Timaru District Council is currently conducting an SNA survey which reviews all areas of significant indigenous flora and habits of indigenous fauna in the District. The comments regarding the Significant Natural Area Fund are noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Support intention of plan to protect and enhance natural environment and meet environmental standards.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

Comments noted.

Recommendation

That the submission be received and noted.

Museum

Supports continued funding and upgrading of the museum.

South Canterbury Museum Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Request funding maintained or even enhanced for parks, particularly maintenance of bush reserves and walking, cycling tracks.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates Remissions Policy

Support policy that applies to significant natural areas that are formally protected. Request its continuation.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Wastewater

Support improving treatment of wastewater effluent and disposal. Wastewater could be in the future be seen as a valuable resource utilised on land rather than total disposal to sea - for enhancing coastal wetlands or production of biogas.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Upgrades to the wastewater treatment processes will ensure that the potential future reuse of treated effluent is maintained, and the production of biogas is a significant consideration in industrial wastewater treatment options.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S116	p253	Cooke, Jeannette
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Aquatic Centre

Request Council reconsider plans by cutting by at least \$10m. Provision to be made later to include the add-ons.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. It is not really practical to make the Aquatic Leisure Centre modular in design and to make "add-ons" later. Each component requires its own unique space and must be integrated into the total concept.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Caroline Bay

Request sufficient funding included to maintain current state of Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden.

Request shelter areas erected over Soundshell seating area and along the Boardwalk to provide protection from sun and wind.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Continued funding for the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden is important if it is to maintain its status as a garden of National Significance.

Shelter over the seating has been considered in the past but dismissed as too expensive for the use it gets.

While there won't initially be any shelter on the boardwalk because it is refreshing to experience the elements it could be added in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Heritage

Request historical buildings and cityscapes preserved where practical and heritage colour scheme developed for CBD. Request memorial plaques erected on site of significant local historical importance.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Heritage Buildings, structures and sites are listed and protected via rules within the District Plan. The submitters requests regarding a CBD heritage colour scheme and memorial plaques are noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Request reserves/play areas included in new housing developments in the city.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

There is a policy of establishing a neighbourhood reserve and playground within 800 metres of a residence in the 4 larger urban areas of the District. Funding is quite often tight as Reserve Contributions are insufficient to fund all developments and out of step with a large number of other Territorial Authorities

Recommendation:

That financial contributions be reviewed to allow for capital works in parks and recreation areas thereby lessening the need for rates input.

S117	p254	Smokefree South Canterbury Committee
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Parks

Request Council adopt a smokefree parks/playgrounds policy for all Council owned parks, events and sportsfields, including Alpine Energy Stadium and Caroline Bay. Recommends public encouraged through appropriate signage and publicity, an educational policy re smokefree compliance is created and the Committee is invited to assist with expertise as required. 'Primary reason is to demonstrate positive role modelling.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council may wish to support the concept but recognise difficulties in implementation. Any signage would need to be restricted to avoid visual impact.

Recommendation:

That the Council consider whether to develop a smokefree policy for parks and/or playgrounds.

S118	p260	Ward-Smith, R.A.
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Air Quality

TDC should promote clean air and cease to find reasons not to meet clean air requirements. Just do it.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

The control and management of air quality is primarily the role of Regional Councils. The Timaru District Council is however working closely with Environment Canterbury with a view to achieving compliance with the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality by 2013. While council support achieving the NES we are cognisant of the potential financial and social consequences of rapidly implementation of rules which may have financial impact upon individuals and which are based on incomplete data.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Aquatic Centre

Location of ALC will not assist elderly with need for motorised transport to access it. Aquatic Centre rate is unfair and ratepayers should not foot the whole bill.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. Consultation is being carried out with the NZ Transport Agency over the timing of the Evans Street/State Highway 1 intersection upgrade.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

District Planning

No further flat land should have buildings erected on it, unless essential for primary production (e.g. milking sheds). Sufficient 'clay' downs exist to build houses, commercial and industrial structures. No more buildings should be erected with direct access to state highways, including access through adjoining titles or via easements.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

The zoning of land set out in the District Plan had regard to soil types and a policy within the Plan establishes the principle of preserving high quality land for agricultural purposes.

Access to State Highways is the responsibility of the NZ Transport Agency. However, every parcel of land is required to have a legal access to a public road. For properties adjoining the State Highway network that is their only legal access.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Can increase in borrowings be justified?

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Borrowing is used for capital projects only and means that future generations of ratepayers contribute towards community assets which they benefit from.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Do not support cut in funding for parks. Cut should happen elsewhere.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Strategic Assets

Question whether Theatre Royal fits into category of a strategic asset. Suggests airport could be held by Timaru District Holdings. Suggests TDC should hold electricity

distribution and possibly water distribution as a strategic investment. Alpine and Lines Trust should be held as one ownership structure on behalf of consumers.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Strategic assets are those the Council would need to retain or replace – in the case of the Theatre Royal an historic building but also the only public meeting place where there are seats for over 1,000 people. If destroyed there would be a need to replace it but in a different form. Water supply systems are a strategic asset already. Electricity distribution is not owned by the Council.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Timaru parking building

Support, providing charges are higher than other parking. Possibility of private funding or operation?

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The charges for parking in the proposed new parking building will be higher than other parking facilities including on street meters to reflect the locality and amenity value of the facility.

It should be noted that the car park is funded through parking revenue and not rates.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

State Highways should be kept as relatively high speed vehicular access routes. All classes of district roads should be kept maintained to full standard, particularly for heavy traffic. Local roads with high level of rural residential should be identified and signage erected with words "Be responsible - animals, people and vehicles. Motorists need to be made aware of multiuse. Support more cycleways being established - rural and urban.

Land Transport Managers Comments

State Highways are owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). Maintenance and operation of these highways are the responsibility of NZTA not Council. It should be acknowledged that state highways in urban areas must account for local requirements with safety and access paramount. Therefore the concept of urban state highways as high speed access corridors is not supported in the urban area.

All district roads are maintained to a good standard with independent audits and performance criteria to support this view. Proposed budgets allow the continuation of the level of service.

Though the road safety activity and with the support from Police, Council is actively promoting driver responsibility and the need to "share the road" with other users. This is also a National campaign. Delivering the message through driver education is considered more effective than signage.

The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The

terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review and road safety activity funded from current budgets.

Transport

Support cycleway development of former Fairlie railway line and creation of rural cycle and riding network throughout the district, with suitable designations.

Rail should not be written off as a means of future transport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The use of the former Fairlie railway corridor has been noted and will be considered as part of the TDC Active Transport Strategy. The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including rural cycle and bridle networks. The strategies will develop of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. These strategies are the cornerstone of sustainable transport. The approval of the strategies by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

The use of rail is a business decision for the rail operator, Kiwirail. Rail is separately funded by government outside the National Land Transport Fund and is not part of the Ministry of Transport. Current legislation prevents Rail projects from being included in Regional or National Transport Plans.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Waste Management

Support installation of methane gas system for the landfill.

Senior Waste Office's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

S119	p268	Midland Contracting Limited
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Parks

Object to proposed reduction in level of funding for the parks and reserves budget. Would be a backward step to work completed throughout the district. Additional funding would be more appropriate, particularly for areas like Botanic Gardens. Midland have been able to compete with other contractors through their existing family setup. Reduction in funding would jeopardise this, aesthetic value of towns and green areas and reputation.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Full submission summarises the market and situation well. Refer to 43 and 104.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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p271

Community and Public Health

Aquatic Centre

Support further consultation on the Aquatic Centre to meet community needs and recommend inclusion of targets related to pool water quality in addition to existing measures.

District Services Manager's Comments

It is inappropriate to include regulation requirements in a strategy document such as the LTCCP. The design of the new Aquatic Leisure Centre will include comprehensive water treatment facilities which will allow pool water quality standards to be met.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Community Outcomes

Close relationship between health and community outcomes. Encourage Council to recognise value in partnerships for achieving outcomes and willing to work with Council to achieve this.

Chief Executive's Comments

The Council is happy to continue working with Community and Public Health in achieving outcomes where Council resources allow.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Community Support

Commend TDC continued intention to support community groups. Recommend Councils role in influencing alcohol consumption patterns through liquor licensing acknowledged in Safer Communities section.

Strategic Planning Manager's/Environmental Services Manager's Comments

Liquor Licensing is included as part of the Environmental Health activity. The Safer Communities does include some references to alcohol reduction related projects.

Liquor Licensing Inspectors meet regularly with Police and the managers of licensed premises. They also liaise closely with Safer Community staff with the intent of achieving full compliance with the Sale of Liquor Act.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Democracy

Note potential for partnerships with CPH and SCDHB and for Council to play important leadership role in Timaru community on a range of health issues.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council does not have non-elected people on committees but could for special projects or while particular issues were being considered. Council management

suggest clarification is sought of who the lead health agency is to be involved with Council processes and projects (CPH, PHO, SCDHB)

Recommendation:

That clarification is sought on who the lead health agency is to be involved with Council processes and projects.

That the submission be received and noted.

District Planning

Note key role of urban planning in encouraging active transport, recreation and commend work to encourage healthy active lifestyles and support physical activity plan and school travel plans.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

The District Plan provides for both motorised and non-motorised transportation. There are also provisions to take land or money to cater for additional recreational demand generated by increases in population.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Emergency Management

Commend proactive role in emergency preparedness and lead role taken in coordination.

Regulatory Services Managers/Emergency Management Officers Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Encourage TDC to consider health as a key issue in planning and to assess plans/policies with respect to their implications for health. CPH willing to provide support.

Management Team's Comments

Health is always a key consideration in planning for future Council projects and will continue to liaise with the appropriate health agency.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Recommend Council designate all playgrounds and parks as smokefree. Recommend a formal shade policy is included covering public spaces under Council's control/influence.

Recognise financial constraints, but are concerned by potential impact of reduced service levels.

Recommend statement included acknowledging importance of equitable access to recreational facilities for all, and is a priority consideration.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

The Council may wish to support the Smokefree Parks concept but recognise difficulties in implementation.

Council have progressively implemented shade areas at swimming pools and some public parks (e.g. Caroline Bay). It is not proposed to develop a shade policy.

Much time has been put into equitable charging for recreation users.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

That the Council consider whether to develop a smokefree policy for parks and/or playgrounds.

Regulatory Services

Note responsibility of Council to provide environmental health services to Waimate and Mackenzie and recommend plan includes a specific assurance that Council will adequately resource its health protection responsibilities. Encourage ongoing partnership.

Regulatory Services Managers Comments

Council has no statutory responsibility to provide environmental health services to Waimate or Mackenzie District Councils.

There is no formal provision to provide service to Waimate District Council although on a "good neighbour" basis we do assist from time to time at the WDC cost.

We do provide service to the Mackenzie District Council by way of a formal contract with which both councils are currently satisfied.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Social Housing

Support maintenance of housing stock. Recommend Plans to continue to increase social housing in light of increased demand; Demonstrates energy efficiency in its housing stock; works with Central Government to minimise rent increase on tenants.

Property Managers Comments

Support for continuing works programme noted. Currently improved insulation is being addressed as opportunities arise as a facet of the overall continuing works. As the activity is self funding rent increases are necessary to continue meeting costs of future work. Central government provides accommodation supplement support to those tenants who meet their criteria once the rent level meets their threshold.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Commend emphasis on sustainability and giving priority to all users of road corridor. Support Active Transport Strategy and recommend review is given a high priority, including areas as listed.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Support noted. The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Waste Management

Commend commitment to waste minimisation.

Senior Waste Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Wastewater

Commend wastewater strategy completed to date and future work.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Water Supply

Commend approach to extending and upgrading water supplies and Public Health Risk Management Plans for Council supplies. Recommend plan includes statement acknowledging recognised benefits of fluoride and a commitment that the Council explore options for improving the oral health of the community.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Current Council policy is to not fluoridate drinking water supplies. The issue of fluoridation of drinking water is a matter for Council consideration.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S121

p282

Vuleta, Clare

Transport

Request more thought put into planning and layout of local roads and footpaths. Footpaths should not be impractical or inaccessible for people to use (e.g. east side of Regent Street footpath in Timaru).

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council is committed to the urban design protocol that aims to improve the living environment of streets through good urban design. Road upgrades are generally initiated through kerb and channel replacement and the design is based on creating a speed environment appropriate for the living environment. If speeds are reduced then

this creates a safer and quieter neighbourhood where vehicles and pedestrians can co-exist without the need for separation. This design policy for kerb and channel replacement was adopted by Council.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S122	p283	Shirtcliff, John
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Broadband

Provision of high speed broadband network essential to future economic success of community and worthy of direct public intervention or even public/private partnership.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council recently met with Telecom and then received a formal presentation outlining the upgrading to the network being undertaken as part of the Government's commitment to faster broadband, accessible to all providers. Impressions were that progress is good.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Plan would benefit from a revised planning approach that would more quantitatively define success in achieving the outcome descriptions and may result in a different set of actions and projects. Examples given for two of the community outcomes.

Management Team's Comments

Suggestions noted. Council has identified a list of indicators in the Plan for monitoring Community Outcomes. Baselines will be set for these indicators where possible. This work is ongoing and will be refined over time. Monitoring is undertaken in partnership with other agencies. A formal report will presented during 2010/11. The report may identify any service shortcomings or gaps, which Council or other agencies may be able to fill. Council is only one agency who contributes to the Community Outcomes, with its role explicitly outlined in the LTCCP.

Recommendation

That the submission be received and noted.

S123	p286	Sinclair, Ian
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Airport

Suggests that the Richard Pearce Airport be partially run as a commercial operation (scheduled services and airport based business) and partially run as a recreational facility (to support recreational users, i.e. microlights, gliders etc). Several suggestions re treatment of airport for commercial and recreational use.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

Recommendation:

- 1 That landing fees remain the same for 2009/10*
- 2 That formal discussions be held with clubs and/or organisations representing users of the Timaru Airport Facilities in order to investigate alternative options for charging users.*

- 3 That Council cap the rates input to the Airport Activity as shown in the Draft LTCCP.

S124	p289	Grice, Donna
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Aquatic Centre

Opposed to spending on Aquatic Centre. Facilities should be upgraded, but don't need a cafe, gym etc.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. Council has resolved to include a Fitness Centre and as at 25 May five Fitness/Gym businesses have responded to a call for Expressions of Interest to be made in regard to possibly being involved in the Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S125	p290	Talbot, Alan D.
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Heritage

No statement of Council policy regarding long term protection of significant historic places within the District. Timaru Built Heritage Inventory in July 2004 was a positive start but heritage protection should be properly included in the LTCCP.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Heritage Buildings, Structures and Sites are listed and protected via rules within the District Plan.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S126	p292	Robinson, Ian
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Community Project Funding

Additional funding for community projects, such as the Aquatic Centre, could be sourced if Alpine Energy shares were held in a community trust. Should be done immediately.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Council's subsidiary Timaru District Holdings Limited (TDHL) owns the 47.5% shareholdings in Alpine Energy Limited. Alpine Energy Limited is a tax paying entity and all dividends received by TDHL from Alpine Energy Limited are fully imputed. The imputation credits are then used by TDHL for dividends paid to Council and on TDHL's Redeemable Preference Shares. Transferring the shares to a community trust would not achieve the results that the submitter describes.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Active Transport

Support plan. Request clarification of how school travel plans effectiveness will be measured and plan is adopted as a final document.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The plans will be evaluated following their implementation to determine effectiveness and any implementation issues as was done with the pilot plan for Waimataitai School. The plans may need review on an ongoing basis as student catchment area's change.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the development of School Travel plans.

Aquatic Centre

Commend Council decision to move forward with Aquatic Centre. Recommend key stakeholders consulted re design, lighting, cafeteria provider choice.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission S8 and S114.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

Council Policy

Support Gambling Policy of limit of 7 machines per new venue.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Footpaths

Request satisfaction with footpaths increased to 100%.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Performance targets should be achievable. Customer satisfaction levels are based on customer perception and survey results demonstrate that dissatisfaction can relate to matters that Council currently does not fund. If 100% satisfaction level was an adopted target a substantial increase in footpath funding would be required. However, agree that footpath maintenance satisfaction targets should be maintained at previous LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the satisfaction target for resident satisfaction with the maintenance of footpaths be increased to 80%.

General

Request a more formal and ongoing linkage between Council and PHO and opportunity to assist planning processes.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council does not have non-elected people on committees but could for special projects or while particular issues were being considered. Council management

suggest clarification is sought of who the lead health agency is to be involved with Council processes and projects (CPH, PHO, SCDHB)

Recommendation:

That clarification is sought on who the lead health agency is to be involved with Council processes and projects

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Important to continue maintenance of parks and walkways and ensure peoples safety. Support a smokefree policy for parks and sportsfields.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

The Council may wish to support the Smokefree Parks concept but recognise difficulties in implementation. Any signage would need to be restricted to avoid visual impact.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

That the Council consider whether to develop a smokefree policy for parks and/or playgrounds.

Physical Activity Plan

Support Active communities project and plan.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the Physical Activity Plan is acknowledged in the LTCCP.

Rating Policy

Definition of Separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit should exclude GP practices, as provides financial disincentive to encourage doctors in our District.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

The change in policy is only to provide clarification. Currently this definition only applies to water charges. GP practices already incur these rates and no changes are proposed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Request SH1 changes include infrastructure to ensure safe walking and cycling.

Land Transport Managers Comments

State Highways are owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). Improvement projects are the responsibility of NZTA not Council. NZTA are aware of

the need to ensure safe walking and cycling facilities on state highways particularly in urban areas.

Council supports this view and the Timaru Transportation Strategy includes walking and cycling provisions relating to the highway.

Recommendation:

That the submission comments be referred to the NZ Transport Agency and confirming Council support.

S128	p296	Gallagher, Donna
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Air Quality

Resource Consent process required for people retaining log fires.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

The control and management of air quality is primarily the responsibility of Regional Councils. Environment Canterbury is likely to develop rules for the control of air quality. Associated with these rules are likely to be incentives for home owners to convert to cleaner means of heating.

A building consent is required for all new log fires and within the urban areas only solid fuel heaters which are Clean Air approved can be installed. The Resource Management Act 1991 does not provide for retrospective consents for activities which were legally established at the time.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Aquatic Centre

Rethink on pool required. Pool should benefit district residents.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General LTCCP Approach

Needs to be a focus on retaining youth and young families. Needs to be ongoing encouragement. Focus on early childhood years.

Management Team's Comments

Council actions are intended to benefit all sectors of the community. Encouragement for youth is not just a Council responsibility, but numerous activities encourage development (e.g. museum, parks, playgrounds). Youth workers contribute on an ongoing basis.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Concerned at parks and reserves a casualty of the plan. Important for adequate maintenance for walkways and trees.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

The Council has agreed to a funding freeze to the parks operational budgets, based on the 2008/09 budget.

Every endeavour will be made to maintain current operating levels of service. However, it is unlikely that there will be discretionary funding for any extra enhancements.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S129	p297	SC Mountain Bike Club Inc
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Parks

Encourage Council to continue to expand opportunities for mountain biking. Request further opportunities for offroad cycling included in the LTCCP:

- 1) To Jacks Point Lighthouse
- 2) Dashing Rocks - Washdyke Creek - Oakwood Stream/Road
- 3) Ongoing commitment to Centennial Park
- 4) Orbell Street Quarry
- 5) Holme Station to Evans Crossing to Pareora dam
- 6) Coastal Track.

Request LTCCP includes intention to increase track lengths by 5%.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Orbell Street quarry is leased to Highfield Golf Club.

There is a great demand for cycling and walking tracks.

This is the last year of the \$40,000 per annum Coastal Strategy implementation which funded part of this work. Our current priorities are Taitarakihi Stream from Old North Road to Evans Street, Smithfield to Oakwood Stream and back to Centennial Park and Smithfield to Sheffield Street.

Funding and land tenure are required in most cases for anything to proceed. If these were available other options could be considered also.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

That priorities are reviewed as part of the Active Transport Strategy review being undertaken in 2009/10 through the Land Transport unit.

S130	p305	Whiting, Bill
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Aquatic Centre

Aquatic Centre targeted rate is too high due to 'bells and whistles' approach to centre. Concerned that proposed fitness centre would have an adverse effect on existing Aorangi Park stadium facility.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8 and 124

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

S131	p307	McEwen, Karen
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Dog Park

Request allocating dog park to Timaru dog owners. Suggested grassed area behind Caledonian grounds, with it fenced and doggy doo bins. Minimal increase in dog registration could fund if required.

Building/Environmental Services Managers' Comments

See comments associated with Submission 19.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken and that the submission be received and noted.

S132	p309	Sustainable South Canterbury Trust
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Building Control

Support work to promote sustainable development in building. Suggest inclusion of measure re buildings constructed sustainably or are energy efficient.

Building/Environmental Services Managers' Comments

Requirements to achieve sustainability and energy efficiency are contained within the Building Act. Council encourages but does not have authority to require standards greater than those prescribed in the Act.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

District Planning

Support work to ensure sustainable development under the RMA. Request inclusion of areas of significant native vegetation are included as part of a performance measure as to their status/condition for future monitoring.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

There is currently a "broad brush" requirement to identify and to preserve significant natural areas contained within the District Plan. A more detailed survey of the district, to identify specific significant natural areas is presently being undertaken and, upon completion, it is likely that a plan change will be undertaken to make the requirements more specific.

Monitoring the ecological health of the defined SNA's will occur in the future to ensure they qualify as "Significant"

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Request quantification of forestry as a carbon sink as part of the overall CO2 units for Council.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

This matter is being researched now but there is still uncertainty around the Government policy on this matter.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Social Housing

Support work to upgrade heating systems in social housing units. Request inclusion of performance measure re houses with energy efficient systems.

Property Manager's Comments

Support noted. Provision of quality units is a recognised level of service for the activity, which includes provision of comfortable living. The installation of insulation is currently a facet of our ongoing upgrade programme for social housing.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainable Futures Park

Request approval in principle for development of the Sustainable Futures Park.

District Services Manager's Comments

Request noted.

Recommendation:

That the Sustainable Future Park proposal be subject to a further report to the District Services committee in 2009/10.

Sustainability/Sustainable Development

Request inclusion of performance measures for sustainability such as vehicle kilometres, electricity consumption.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

This is a developing area for the Council. Some of this information is collated by the Council as part of its carbon footprint work. A formal reporting process has yet to be fully designed, but most of these measures could be considered as part of that in the future.

Recommendation:

That suggested measures are considered as part of the Sustainability reporting framework.

Transport

Support Sustainable Transport strategy.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Support noted. The TDC Active Transport Strategy and the Timaru metro public transport strategy will both be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling and bus services. The strategies will develop of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. These strategies are the cornerstone of sustainable transport. The approval of the strategies by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy review and Joint Environment Canterbury/Timaru District Council Timaru metro bus strategy review.

Waste Management

Request:

- Confirmation that Crows Nest operation to be included as part of Waste Minimisation Services for 2009- 2012.
- Support for Sustainable Futures Park acknowledged.
- Request inclusion of quantity of waste landfilled as a performance measure.
- Request Council support in principle for objective related to facilities for environmental education.

District Service Manager's Comments

Council confirms that Crows Nest funding is included in the budget for 2009-2012. Council is interested, in principle, in the development of a Sustainable Futures Park subject to external funding being available.

It is not a realistic performance measure for Council as much of landfill waste in generated outside of council control. However, Council maintains data on landfill tonnages as well as recycling and waste diversion activity.

In the Rubbish and Recycling draft, Solid Waste Management Plan 2003 Action Programme 11 is community participation. A review of the plan has started in order to develop a new waste management and minimisation plan to comply with new legislation by 2012. This review will identify gaps and order priorities.

Recommendation:

That the Council confirms support for the Crows Nest.

Water Supply

Support demand management strategy for water and recommend water consumption and conservation included as a performance measure.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

The development and implementation of demand management strategies, and reporting on urban scheme water use are currently performance measures.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S133

p314

Ligtenberg, Gerrie

Active Transport

Need for more cycle lanes. Should be regular upgrades for safe cycle lanes in most dangerous spots. Suggest to include the Manse bridge and add a cycle lane when doing the upgrade of Waitohi Temuka bridge.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council has an on-going programme to install more cycle lanes. In June 2007 there were 29km of cycle lanes in Timaru District increasing to 82km by June 2008. Further cycle lanes have recently been installed.

TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including an implementation plan and funding resources required. Terms of reference are available.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the Active Transport Strategy Review.

General

Consider building a multi storey apartment building for people over 55 years of age on site of carpark building, with some Council flats.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Social Housing

Suggest Council flats should all have solar powered hot water. Council should be seen to be environmentally conscious and lead by example.

Property Manager's Comments

Currently, focus is on upgrading bathrooms and insulation for improving units. The activity is self funding from rentals and the focus for use of such funds is driven by rental levels and input from tenants in conjunction with Council's priorities. Suggestion is noted as an option to consider in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Sustainability

Suggest Council does not charge for resource consents for wind and solar power. Designated officer should be appointed to help with retro fitting of insulation. Council owned buildings should be fitted with solar power.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

Council has considered the issue of consents for solar power and adopted the following recommendation last year - "That where energy efficiency or environmentally beneficial work requires a building consent, the cost of that consent be minimised but that the actual cost rest with the building owner."

Several agencies are available to assist with retrofitting of insulation (e.g. Energy Smart) and building officers give some assistance. The implications of the recent budget announcement have yet to be analysed and may have significant impact.

Solar power has not been cost efficient for Council buildings in the past, but this may change in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Timaru parking building

Suggest consider building carparks on outer perimeter of the city, with free shuttle service to the city, rather than car park building.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The new car parking facility is located where there is the greatest use for short term users such as shoppers and maximise the revenue to assist in the funding of this

facility. These users are seeking convenience that is supported by customer surveys results. Council has a number of car parks and significant on street parking on the outer perimeter of the city that are used by workers as all day parking.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Stafford Street should be one way with parks for disabled and delivery services and extended pedestrian area.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

A review by an internationally recognised expert from the UK recommends that vehicles and pedestrians do co-exist safely provided the road environment give pedestrians priority. This principle is being applied with the speed limit reduction to 30km/h, the rumble strips and the exclusive pedestrian crossing phase at the Stafford/Church/Strathallan corner. Future CBD enhancements are planned in the future as part of the CBD renewal project to further reduce vehicle speeds and increase pedestrian priority.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

Suggest abolishing landfill altogether. Suggestion of incineration and Netherlands approach, made viable by processing other towns waste.

District Service Manager's Comments

This option has been investigated by the owners of the new Kate Valley Landfill and found to be uneconomic. The relatively low volumes of waste in the South Island and the transport distances count against such an option at this time.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted,

Wastewater

Discussion needs to include ways of treatment at source, so responsibility is with the polluter and not the ratepayer/Council. Close supervision required for polluters near the ocean.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Discussions are ongoing with major industrial discharges in relation to potential onsite wastewater treatments so as to deal with industrial wastes in the most cost effective manner.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S134	p329	Fagg, Roger
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General LTCCP Approach

LTCCP does not address increasing district population and retaining young people within the district. Request the plan is revised to formulate policy/planning to increase population to 1965 study levels, formulate policy to a younger generation, ensure aggressive attraction of high income/high skilled business and apartment housing

allowed in the CBD. Plan needs to send message of vision for its citizens for next 150 years.

Management Team's Comments

The Plan is focused on maintaining the status quo with steady but affordable growth. It is concerned with enhancing the quality of life as opposed to addressing significant increases in population.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

S135	p331	NZ Automobile Association
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Timaru parking building

Support proposed carparking facility. Careful consideration needed for access and egress to facility, with traffic steered towards Church/Sophia Street roundabout. Request carparking remains cost effective, and price does not skyrocket to recover construction cost.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The access to the proposed new parking building will be considered as part of the design process and subject to a traffic impact analysis. The proposed parking charges will remain very reasonable increasing 10 cents per year for the next five years as indicated in the LTCCP.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

- Requests more funding allocated for roading projects to support district growth.
- Washdyke - preference for roundabout but accept decision.
- Southern Access Route - request alternative routes are researched. Proposed route is not AA preferred option.
- Factory/Temuka Road upgrades - support proposals.
- Bank Street - Concerns at increased traffic from Mega Mitre 10 development and request information on plans for parking/roading.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The LTCCP shows an increase in roading capital expenditure from previous years and this continuing for the next five years. This increase is to meet future demands.

The benefit of the southern port access overbridge and review of the options has been determined through the land designation process and the Timaru transportation strategy. These have been independently reviewed with the North street overbridge the best option. However the bridge will not be constructed until it is needed particularly when traffic using the southern port access experiencing unacceptable delays or safety compromised due to the rail crossing operation. An efficient southern access is essential to the future development and economic viability of the Timaru port and businesses located in the Port area.

The support for the Factory Road upgrades is noted.

There has been no formal proposal submitted to Council for the proposed Mitre10 development in Bank Street. Parking and road access issues will be addressed during the resource consent process.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

- Bank/Church Street intersection - concerned that redesigned intersection is now more dangerous.
- Evans Street - Request consultation on plans. concerned with potential 3 laning, traffic lights through Timaru and new 'SuperCheap' traffic lights.
- SH1 Southern Approach - support relocation of 50km/hr sign.
- Road safety - request attention given to high incidence intersections around town.
- Carriageways - Concerned with reducing width due to cycleways.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The concerns regarding Church/Bank Street intersection safety are not supported. The improvements have eliminated the most hazardous turning movement and no reported crashes have occurred. The safety issues may be from drivers making illegal turning movements.

State Highways are owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). The operation and improvements to State Highway 1 (Evans Street) is the responsibility of NZTA not Council. The Timaru Transportation Strategy has been adopted by NZ Transport Agency and requests for consultation should be directed to NZTA.

Support for the relocation of the 50km/hr sign on State Highway 1 should be directed to NZTA.

Council's road safety programme has significant emphasis on intersections being the highest crash factor in South Canterbury. This road safety programme uses a collaborative approach involving education, engineering and enforcement to get the best outcomes.

The installation of cyclelanes and narrowing of traffic lane widths is to provide a safe environment for all road users. Evidence has shown that the reduction in lane width reduces vehicle speeds in urban area's increasing safety and reducing noise. The road corridor is for all transport modes and the space must be shared.

Recommendations:

That the submission be received and noted.

That the State Highway matters be referred to NZ Transport Agency.

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Paterson, Denzil

Transport

Request to speak on Evans Street, eastern corridor and primeport.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The Timaru Transportation Strategy has been adopted by NZ Transport Agency and supported by Council that confirms Evans Street remaining as State Highway 1 with future improvements planned.

Recommendation:

That submitter be formally made aware of the Timaru Transportation Strategy adopted by NZ Transport Agency and supported by Council.

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Welsh, Diane

Social Housing

Requests that future demand for social housing is met through further unit constructions. Housing units should not have a significantly smaller bedroom space. Flats in isolated areas present an issue for people without private transport. LTCCP should recognise MSD changes to assist people to remain in their own home. Repairs should be completed in a timely manner. Criteria for eligibility should be more stringent.

Property Manager's Comments

Council has recently completed 23 new single bedroom units, each with double bedrooms. The units are in populated townships as well as in Timaru. Applicants for all units are asked whether they have private transport before offering them units at various locations. Many sites are on or near public transport routes. All tenants can avail themselves of the Service Request system by telephoning Council service centres. The eligibility criteria for applicants is periodically reviewed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Go Geraldine

Broadband

Neutral backbone not attached to particular telco. Options for provision of high speed broadband for public access and ecommerce development.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

The Council recently met with Telecom and then received a formal presentation outlining the upgrading to the network being undertaken as part of the Government's commitment to faster broadband, accessible to all providers. Impressions were that progress is good.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

District Planning

Structure Plan for Geraldine for current initiatives and future development. Explore zoning options to encourage sustainable and orderly development for industrial, retail, residential.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

Presently the subject of an ongoing study.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Electricity

Risk managed/constant supply. Ensure infrastructure appropriate for development. Revisit 2013 line upgrade timeframe.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Comments noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Road surfaces and safety. Identify issues relating to traffic flows, danger points and enhancements. Planning for walkways/cycleways to encourage local and visitor activity.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

Council has an active and effective road safety programme that involves a coordinated education, engineering and enforcement approach. Road safety audits are done annually. Issues identified are investigated with appropriate action taken. It should be noted that State Highways and level rail crossings are the responsibility of NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail respectively.

The TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan and funding resources required. The terms of reference are available for viewing. The approval of the active transport strategy by the NZ Transport Agency is required prior to applying for government funding therefore the strategy is the first stage in the process.

Recommendation:

That Council confirm support for the proposed Active Transport Strategy Review funded from current budgets.

Water

Support current modeling and investigations.

Drainage and Water Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Rates

Don't increase rates. Fix old infrastructure before new projects. Families cannot afford increased rates.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Rate increases are kept to a minimum but some costs increase by more than the CPI and there are some infrastructure projects that need to be completed.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Transport

Request sealing of Keen and Orari Back Road. Causing health and safety issues - speed, dust. Speed limit should be lowered immediately to 50km/hr.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

In 2009/10 there is no funding for seal extensions and therefore a new seal extension list, in terms of Council policy, will be prepared for the 2010/11 budget process.

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

Orari Back and Keen Roads are identified as priorities at this point in time but at the current rate of funding these projects will not be completed in the short term.

Council must set speed limits in a lawful manner in accordance with the rules set by the Ministry of Transport. The present 100km/hr speed limit is the lowest speed legally able to be implemented for this road. If a lower speed was posted then it would not be legally enforceable. The speed limit is just that, it is not a speed target. The driver has a responsibility to drive at a safe speed on any road.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be advised that the seal extension of Orari Back and Keen Roads will be completed in accordance with priorities set by the Council's seal extension policy and available funding.

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Active Transport

Request consideration given to measurement and monitoring of travel plans for large employers as within Timaru Transport strategy.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The development of workplace travel plans is acknowledged as a tool to reduce private vehicle use in Timaru. This was included in the Timaru Transportation strategy. The RLTP includes this project and also travel to and from Clandeboye dairy factory. However, given the limited resources the focus will be on school travel plans in the short term with workplace travel plans considered in the medium term.

Recommendation:

That this submission is received and noted.

District Planning

LTCCP lacks theme of integrating land use and transport. Should be considered in more detail, including provision for developing a programme of structure planning.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

This work is currently being undertaken by consultants in conjunction with council staff.

Recommendation:

That this submission is received and noted.

General

Note Financial Contributions Policy. Transport Asset Management Plan requires some updating to align with the LTCCP, particularly project/financial tables. Consider RLTP and LTCCP are aligned.

Recommendation:

That this submission is received and noted.

Transport

Request clarification on Levels of Service and performance measures as focused towards private vehicle users or all users the transport network. Request inclusion of LOS/measures related to walking and cycling facilities.

Support noted for several aspects in the document.

Notes no allowance for expenditure for developing, implementing and monitoring walking, cycling projects, which should be considered.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The choice of LOS and performance measures in the LTCCP are customer focussed as this is a community plan not a technical document. However technical LOS statements and performance measures are documented in the Transport Activity Management Plan.

Support for LTCCP is noted.

Expenditure has been allowed for the TDC Active Transport Strategy will be reviewed in 2009/10. This comprehensive review will consider all aspects of walking and cycling including cycle facilities, the development of a long term implementation plan, monitoring measures and funding resources required.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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NZ Historic Places Trust

Community Funding

Submit a Heritage Grant system is essential for positive assistance available to owners/landowners of historic heritage, with suggested \$5000 annual amount set aside for owners of historic heritage.

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Council currently funds the sum of \$30,000 annually for "built heritage protection".

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

District Planning

Recommends buildings and sites protected by District Plan should steadily increase, not remain static. Recommends framework of continuous improvement providing for additions to District inventory.

Support incentive based provisions currently provided to help heritage retention.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planne's Comments

The Heritage buildings, structures and sites currently listed in the District Plan are there because of a comprehensive vetting process which occurred when the Plan was initially produced.

When other buildings and structures are identified and qualify as being of heritage status they can be incorporated into the District Plan through a Plan Change. Buildings within the current District Plan were initiated by the Trust. If a review is considered necessary, the Council is happy to discuss with the submitter. This will necessitate a District Plan change.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Emergency Management

Recommend Council emergency response strategies/plans include appropriate detail relating to historic heritage.

Regulatory Services Manager's/Emergency Management Officer's Comments

The first priority in civil emergencies is the preservation of life. We are interested in further information as indicated by the Trust.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

General LTCCP Approach

Supportive of Community Outcome and recommend expansion of text to read "a heritage identified and protected to tell our stories".

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

The outcome inherently includes this information, but this will be referred to the review of the Community Outcomes in three years time.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Heritage

Advocate Council retain and further investigate a wider targeted incentives approach for landowners of historic heritage that includes rate relief, transferable development rights and fee discounts for resource consents.

Recommends Council promote adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

Heritage should include archaeological sites and places of importance to Maori. Budget should be set aside to access NZ Archaeological Association information.

Regulatory Services Manager's/District Planner's Comments

The submitters comments are noted. Current heritage funding requires review.

Recommendation:

That the current heritage funding regime is reviewed.

That the submission be received and noted.

Museum

Support feasibility study for South Canterbury Museum building.

South Canterbury Museum Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Recreation and Leisure

Support hall maintenance expenditure with priorities guided by a condition assessment.

Assistant Chief Executive's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Rates Remissions Policy

Supportive of policy to preserve and promote natural resources and heritage.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Transport

Request Orari Back Road is sealed. Reasons- traffic, use by heavy vehicles, use as shortcut to Timaru, relieve main street of Geraldine from some heavy vehicles. Suggest sealed in two stages.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

In 2009/10 there is no funding for seal extensions and therefore a new seal extension list, in terms of Council policy, will be prepared for the 2010/11 budget process.

Priorities for seal extensions are determined in accordance with Council's Seal extension policy that considers traffic volumes, houses affected and economic benefits.

Orari Back Road is identified as a priority at this point in time but at the current rate of funding the project will not be completed in the short term.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be advised that the seal extension of Orari Road will be completed in accordance with priorities set by the Council's seal extension policy and available funding.

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Aquatic Centre

Keep pushing aquatic centre as fast as possible.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Bovine Tuberculosis

ECan budget for this to be halved. Dangerous disease not under control. What arrangements does TDC have with ECAN about this?

Regulatory Services Manager's Comments

Environment Canterbury controls the vectors of T. B. with funds provided from the Animal Health Board. Timaru District Council is not a service provider nor does it fund this service.

The responsibility for this function rests with Regional Councils and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

Caroline Bay

Congratulations for Caroline Bay restoration.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Support noted.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Traffic lights at Evans Street/Te Weka intersection are required with Aquatic Centre and Bay Developments.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

State Highways are owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). The operation and improvements to State Highway 1 (Evans Street) is the responsibility of NZTA not Council. It should be acknowledged that state highways in urban areas must account for local requirements with safety and access paramount.

The Timaru Transportation Strategy identifies the Evans/Te Weka Street intersections as requiring the installation of traffic signals in the future subject to traffic growth.

The regional Land Transport programme that includes state highway projects has identified the upgrade of the Evans/Te Weka Street intersection in the medium term that is likely to coincide with the Aquatic Centre opening.

Recommendation:

That Council officers continue discussions with the NZ Transport Agency on the upgrade of the Evans/Te Weka Streets intersection to ensure timing to be consistent with the proposed aquatic centre project.

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Fitzgerald, Denise

Aquatic Centre

Centre will impose unacceptable increases in rates for a luxury item. Needs to be a moderation of money laid out for recreational facility projects. Suggest upgrading of Maori Park outdoor pool and upgrading of Century Pool as an indoor facility until an improvement in the world and local economies. Oppose inclusion of cafe and fitness centre.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

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Transport

Southern Port access project should not be implemented. Suggest it could be implemented at the Queen Street crossing.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The benefit of the southern port access overbridge and review of the options has been determined through the land designation process and the Timaru transportation strategy. These have been independently reviewed. However the bridge will not be constructed until it is needed particularly when traffic using the southern port access experiencing unacceptable delays or safety compromised due to the rail crossing operation. An efficient southern access is essential to the future development and economic viability of the Timaru port and businesses located in the Port area.

Access across the railway at Queen Street was investigated by not recommended on the basis there would be significant increase in heavy vehicles passing through a residential area and past the Timaru public hospital which is not desirable due to increased noise and significant safety concerns. Furthermore there is no public road from the Port roads linking to Queen Street.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

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Aquatic Centre

Facility is too costly. Suggest cheaper alternative. Public have indicated diving well should be included. Question viability of a gymnasium and cafe. Urge immediate upgrade of existing pool with diving well. Install solar heating in facility.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on Submission 8. The National Council of Women has been involved in stakeholder forums.

Recommendation:

That the submitter be formally made aware of the Council's decision of 24 February 2009.

General LTCCP Approach

Suggest document should be split into two volumes.

Strategic Planning Manager's Comments

Currently, one document is the most efficient way to produce the document. The document is also available in sections on the Council website or via CD.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Parks

Encourage deferment of proposed new park in Gleniti, with money put towards better weed management at Saltwater Creek. Support Bay development and look forward to new toilets at top end of the Bay. All buildings should be clearly identified, with map of the area at top of the piazza, skating rink and carparks.

Parks and Recreation Manager's Comments

Saltwater Creek waterway is not a TDC responsibility and deferment of neighbourhood park seems at odds with other submissions and requirements of mothers with young children.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Public Toilets

Public toilets between Bay Hall and former aviary site are unsafe with poor lighting and wet, slippery floors. Congratulate Council on state of Centennial Park toilets.

Property Manager's Comments

Will investigate whether existing floors surface can be treated with an effective non slip surface, and whether additional lighting can be installed to add value.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Public Transport

Suggest financial advantages in running smaller buses in off peak times.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

The operation of the Timaru bus service is the responsibility of Environment Canterbury. The Timaru Passenger Transport Strategy for the future of the bus service is presently being reviewed. This is a joint TDC and ECan project. The strategy review and consultation will identify improvements or changes to the service and targets to achieve in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submission on bus services be referred to Environment Canterbury for consideration as part of the Timaru Metro bus strategy review.

Safer Communities

Note youth workers no longer funded by WINZ and request Council take all steps to ensure funding ensured for youth workers.

Assistant Chief Executive' Comments

This information is incorrect. Funding is available and a new contract is currently being negotiated with Ministry of Social Development.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Social Housing

Urge Council to continue to provide warm, easily accessed and well maintained homes for those in need. Suggest good use be made of government subsidies for heat pumps/insulation. Units should have good access for ambulance stretchers. Consider location of public transport when siting units.

Property Manager's Comments

Council shall continue to install new insulation as a facet of its ongoing capital upgrades programme, in conjunction with other priorities. Access to subsidies are been investigated through approved agencies. Local public transport was a consideration when the 23 new units were built.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Transport

Request consider asking Transit to prohibit car parking outside school at either end of school day.

Some concern about surface coatings.

Request reintroduction of 'men with lorries' who minimise flooding.

Question Southern port access project and suggest Craigie Ave/King Street diversion.

Land Transport Manager's Comments

State Highway one is owned and controlled by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA). Maintenance and operation of these highways including parking restrictions are the responsibility of NZTA not Council. The concerns can be forwarded to NZTA.

Road seals are specifically designed for the traffic using the road and strict quality controls are used during construction. However chip can come loose at times particularly during hot weather as the bitumen softens. We are not aware that this is an ongoing issue.

The cleaning of road drainage channels and sumps are done on a regular basis by a contractor in accordance with specifications set in the contract. Contractors have been meeting the required performance criteria. However there are times of the year during high leaf fall where sumps may become blocked.

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Recommendation:

That the concerns regarding parking around schools on State Highway 1 be referred to NZTA.

Airport

Lack of facilities at airport frustrating for travellers - no easy water accessible, no public telephone, poor luggage handling facilities. Poor for airport of this size.

District Services Manager's Comments

Water is freely available and a phone is available from the customer check in staff. Facilities are appropriate for the airport. A maintenance programme is underway (e.g. painting, signage).

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted.

Waste Management

Support move to prosecute those misusing bins. Disappointed in support shown by Council for Crows nest. Request twice yearly collection of solid/electronic/whiteware. Request methane gas used for something rather than burned off.

District Service Manager's Comments

- 1 Education is a priority for those very few people who misuse the three bin system. Regular bin monitoring will begin in July 2009. Enforcement will only be used as a last resort and it is expected that prosecution under the Bylaw will not be necessary.
- 2 Council supports the Crows Nest by providing funding of \$38,000 per annum. In addition, the Crows Nest is funded to collect large reusable items on a "call" basis. There is also a scrap metal drop off facility in Redruth Street.
- 3 Methane Gas – Refer to Submission 3.

Recommendation:

That the submission be received and noted

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Airport

Suggests that the Richard Pearse Airport be partially run as a commercial operation (scheduled services and airport based business) and partially run as a recreational facility (to support recreational users, i.e. microlights, gliders etc). Several suggestions re treatment of airport for commercial and recreational use.

District Services Manager's Comments

Refer to comments on submission 51

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TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE MEETING OF 9 JUNE 2009

Report for Agenda Item No 4

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Additional Surveillance Camera - Caroline Bay (File R3/23/1/5a)

Purpose of Report

To inform the District Services Committee on the feasibility and monitoring implications of an additional surveillance camera installed at Caroline Bay.

Background

At the Council meeting on 14 April 2009, Council received a presentation from Police seeking feedback on community policing needs in the Timaru District. Council resolved, "That a report be prepared on the feasibility and cost of monitoring the security camera to be installed at Caroline Bay, and the possible extension of the current lighting in the area."

The Timaru Central Business District currently has four surveillance cameras operating. The cameras and monitoring equipment is owned and maintained by Timaru District Council. The existing cameras are positioned at the following locations:

- Stafford/George/Cain Streets intersection
- Stafford/Church/Strathallan Streets intersection
- Outside the Library on the corner of Church and Sophia Streets
- Stafford Street/Canon Street intersection.

These cameras are monitored by Police at the Timaru Police Station and images are recorded. The cameras can also be remotely operated at the control centre by Police, including changes in view angle and zoom function.

The cameras are a valuable crime prevention and crime evidence tool to support normal Police operations in making the area safer for the community. The cameras are used by Police not only to visually record a crime being committed, but also as an intelligence gathering tool with movements of people and vehicles recorded.

The data storage capacity allows the recording of images for 28 days, which can be used for crime solving. This is essential as sometimes data is used to assist in the solving of crimes that may be reported after a number of days. Additional cameras will require the data storage capacity at the Police station to be increased but this is a minor cost.

In recent years the technology used by the cameras and the control system at the police station has advanced with the new cameras having greater, thirty times magnification zoom. The existing cameras are twenty times magnification.

Options

It is important that potential future changes and linkages to the CBD are considered. In consultation with the Police, it is recognised that the Bay Hill area will increase in pedestrian traffic with the area expanding with a number of food and beverage facilities. The Bay Hill is an important link to Caroline Bay. Another link to the CBD is Sophia Street, which is also not presently monitored.

In addition, Police considered that an additional camera located in Caroline Bay in the vicinity of the skate park would be helpful as this is identified as an area of potential minor crime.

The cost of the camera unit alone is \$9,500.

Options are outlined as follows:

Option 1 – New camera on top of Mascot Finance Building

A new high powered camera on top of this building on the corner of Stafford and Sefton Streets will allow a view of the Bay Hill and a wide view of Caroline Bay. Council's web cam is already on this building so independent power supply is available. With a high powered zoom (30 times) the camera will be able to record activity on Caroline Bay, including most of the Skate Park area, but not all. The camera would be linked to the Police Station by fibre optic cable, giving maximum picture definition and real time surveillance. The additional cable is easily installed to this location.

Cost estimate: \$19,000 (includes camera and cabling)

Option 2 – New camera located at The Piazza

A new camera would be installed on a pole in the vicinity of the top of the sound shell. This camera would offer a good view of the sound shell area, skate park and Bay Hill area. The camera would be linked to the Police Station by fibre optic cable, giving maximum picture definition and real time surveillance. The additional cable can be installed using some traffic signal cable ducts across Sefton Street and further cable installed in small ducts along the Bay Hill footpath.

Cost estimate: \$30,000 (includes camera and cabling)

Option 3 – New camera located at the Skate Park.

A new camera would be installed on a pole in the vicinity of the skate park. This would provide a good view of the skate park and surrounding area, including the car park and playground. The camera could also record vehicles entering and leaving Caroline Bay. The challenge is linking the camera to the Council system at the Police Station. Transmission can be via cable or radio link as follows:

- (a) Cable - Fibre optic cable is certainly the best option giving high quality, real time views. However, the cost of installing cable is high. The most cost effective route is along State Highway 1 and through the railway underpass.

Cost estimate: \$50,000 (includes camera and cabling)

- (b) An alternative to cabling at a lower cost is transmitting picture data by a wireless system to a point where cable is available. This is done using very high frequency radio capable of transmitting large amounts of data required for video transmission. Picture quality remains good but can be a little animated due to the data transmission. The picture would be transmitted using a point to point microwave radio link with the receiver on top of the Mascot Finance building, where the signal can be transmitted to the Police Station using cable.

Cost estimate: \$39,000 (includes camera, radio transmitter/receiver and cabling to the Mascot Finance building)

Option 4 – New camera located at Sophia & Theodosia Street intersection.

A new camera would be installed on a pole at the Sophia/Theodosia Street intersection. This would provide a good view of Sophia Street to Elizabeth Street and also the Highway including Shell Service Station and Burger King. Ducting is available for the fibre optic cable as the traffic signal ducting can be utilised, reducing the cost.

Cost estimate: \$20,000 (includes camera and cabling)

Identification of Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

Local Government Act 2002

Timaru District Plan

Timaru District LTCCP

Assessment of Significance

This matter is not deemed significant under Council's Significance Policy.

Consultation

Funding for this project was identified as a project in the 2009-2019 LTCCP that has recently been the subject of public consultation. As no submissions were received on this project, it is considered that further consultation is not required.

Options have been discussed with Police and they support all options with order of preference being option 4, followed by option 3a, 3b, 1 and 2.

Other Considerations

Some options may require a Resource Consent and the installation of additional Council hardware on the Mascot Finance building would require consent from the owners.

Funding Implications

There is \$20,000 capital expenditure funding allocated in the Draft 2009-19 LTCCP for the installation of additional surveillance cameras and associated equipment.

The monitoring of the surveillance cameras is the responsibility of Police. This is done at no cost to Council as part of Police operations.

Conclusion

The options for an additional surveillance camera are summarised in the following table:

Option	Camera Location	Cost Estimate	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	Mascot Finance Building roof	\$19,000	Low cost with existing cable nearby. Good view of Bay Hill and part of Caroline Bay	Skate park partially obscured and requires camera on zoom to determine detail that restricts field of vision.
2	Piazza	\$30,000	Medium cost option that provides good view of the Bay Hill and Caroline Bay.	Additional cabling required that will involve some minor trenching in the road.

				Skate Park partially obscured and would require camera on zoom to determine detail.
3a	Skate Park – cable transmission	\$50,000	Good view of skate park and surrounding area considered a priority for Police. With car park monitored can record vehicles entering and leaving Caroline Bay.	High Cost option if cabling used. Bay Hill area not monitored.
3b	Skate Park – radio transmission	\$39,000	Same as option 3a.	Radio link will result in some loss in picture quality. Bay Hill area not monitored.
4	Sophia/Theodosia Street intersection	\$20,000	Cost-competitive option with good view of the area in the vicinity of the Shell Service Station and Burger King, also a known trouble spot. Will record movements to and from the CBD not presently monitored.	No coverage of Caroline Bay or Bay Hill

Recommendation

That Council supports the installation of an additional surveillance camera at Sophia/Theodosia Streets intersection.