

NEWSLETTER

162 Kyle Rd Subdivision will be “NOTIFIED”



The Greenhithe/Albany communities have achieved a great deal through their organization and commitment to stop the destruction of over 1,300 mature trees and the filling in of a tributary to Te Wharau Creek in order to make room for 53 houses in a new subdivision at 162 Kyle Road, Greenhithe. Volunteers collected over 400 signatures on a letter/petition to North Shore City Council, who have informed us that the application will now be “notified.” This is a win since it means we have a better chance to change the outcome. The developer, Green Meadows Development, Ltd in Bucklands Beach has been asked by NSCC for more information and they estimate

that it will take until late January, early February 2010 to provide it.

Once received, the public has a right to request a copy. The council then issues a notice in the Herald and we have 20 business days to get our submissions in. After that council has 25 days to set a hearing date. Environmental Defense Society and The Tree Council will be assisting us with our submissions. Other considerations are the stream ecology, stormwater, pumping station capacity and traffic engineering. Concerned residents are advised to begin their research now.

We can appeal if we don't like the decision from the hearing and then the case will go to

“En Route”
by Candi Dentice

The painting pictured here was created by Candi Dentice and it has been a great inspiration to me. Although the proposed subdivision does not affect my house directly in that I will not see it, I fear that all the wild places in our communities will be gobbled up before we understand that there is not enough left for the birds, frogs, and fish that we have come to take for granted. I live on Te Wharau Creek and every day I marvel at the flow of herons, tuis, kingfishers, and the many other birds that live here with us. The sound of them in the treetops and frogs croaking in the pond are a treasure to me. My husband catches a few fish for our table. I believe that all this is at risk if the stream is filled in and so many trees are cut down.

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Environment Court. This would require that we have professionals such as a planner and an attorney. The need for funding could eventuate in that case.

Greenhithe Woods and Waterway Action Committee Has Asked for a Meeting with the Developer

We are responsible as a group to do everything possible to avoid conflict and we accept that there will be houses there someday. However, we are also certain it is possible to avoid the destruction of so much in order to achieve it. We hope to find a solution that will be acceptable to all parties.