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14 July 2008

**His Worship the Mayor  
Andrew Williams JP  
North Shore City Council  
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**cc Tony Holman, QSO  
Councillor  
Chair Community Service & Parks Committee**

Dear Andrew

**RE CHELSEA PARK TRUST - CHELSEA LAND**

Thank you for your expressions of appreciation for the work undertaken by the Chelsea Park Trust Members.

It has indeed been a most rewarding outcome.

We are also grateful to yourself as I do know that you supported the project from the time you took office. Thanks too to Tony Holman who has always been in the background, sometimes in the foreground, for his assistance and support.

I must say that there were some times of great disappointments, usually as a result of delays such as the Commissioner's planning decision which took a long time to come through. That almost cost us the transaction. Chelsea of course had always been park conscious to the extent of supporting public access for many years. More recently, negotiations became more agreeably acceptable and included a degree of urgency. I believe that Chelsea realised that public ownership was ultimately going to be impossible to resist and hence the park has become a place for the people of North Shore to enjoy and preserve including for Aucklanders, visitors from overseas and from the rest of New Zealand.

The next matter on the agenda will of course be the purchase of the horse paddock and there is also the matter of the boardwalk around the southern side of the lake and adjacent to the existing carpark, because we were unable to acquire sufficient land at this location to enable the lake to be accessed without a boardwalk.

Once again thank you for your appreciation and the support that you have given us, particularly in providing \$10,000,000 from the outset, which helped us secure our subsequent commitments of a further \$10,000,000 from ASB Charitable Trust, ARC and the Government and Conservation Department.

Yours sincerely



Neil Darroch  
Chelsea Park Trustee

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