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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-277

I refer to your information request we received on 24 May 2022 for the following:

- 1. The Governance Board – who presumably are making decisions now – it comprises 3 Council managers and 2 Iwi representatives - are the latter mana whenua and, presumably, from Otaki?***

The mana whenua representatives on the Te Uruhi governance board represent Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Te Āti Awa – Council's iwi partners. The Te Uruhi rohe (area) is of great significance to the history of both iwi.

- 2. I think there should be a local Paraparaumu Beach representative - as they are the people who will be affected by the anticipated additional traffic etc and other issues. Do you agree and can we get one included?***

The governance board is part of Council's project management structure. Some projects, especially in their early stages, have working/advisory groups made up of stakeholders and members of the community. Te Uruhi has been through significant community engagement via the Maclean Park Management and Development Plan and Council's Long-term Plan processes. Staff are now delivering on those plans and taking advice from technical experts regarding the details of the project.

- 3. What is the detailed role and decision-making responsibility of the Board? Where are decisions and minutes recorded?***

The purpose of a governance board is to oversee the successful delivery of the project's objectives and benefits, and to ensure the project is delivered on time and on budget. Meeting minutes are stored on Council's systems as per other operational records.

- 4. Discovery Area of the Gateway – who decides what is going into it and commissions the work?***

We are working with our iwi partners, stakeholders such as the Department of Conservation, Forest and Bird, tour operators, a local historian and subject matter experts to identify pertinent stories and gather the content. Council has engaged Art of Fact (<https://artofact.design/>), specialists in developing, designing and delivering storytelling and visitor experiences, as a creative partner.

5. Is a display/acknowledgement of the role of NZ Forest and Bird Society in the development of conservation on Kapiti Island included?

Yes. We were in contact with Forest and Bird very early in the project and they have provided us with a wealth of background information about Val Sanderson, his efforts to protect Kāpiti Island and the origins of Forest and Bird. This story will feature at Te Uruhi.

6. Will the Sanderson Memorial plaque be restored on its greywacke block and included in a prominent place in the Gateway complex?

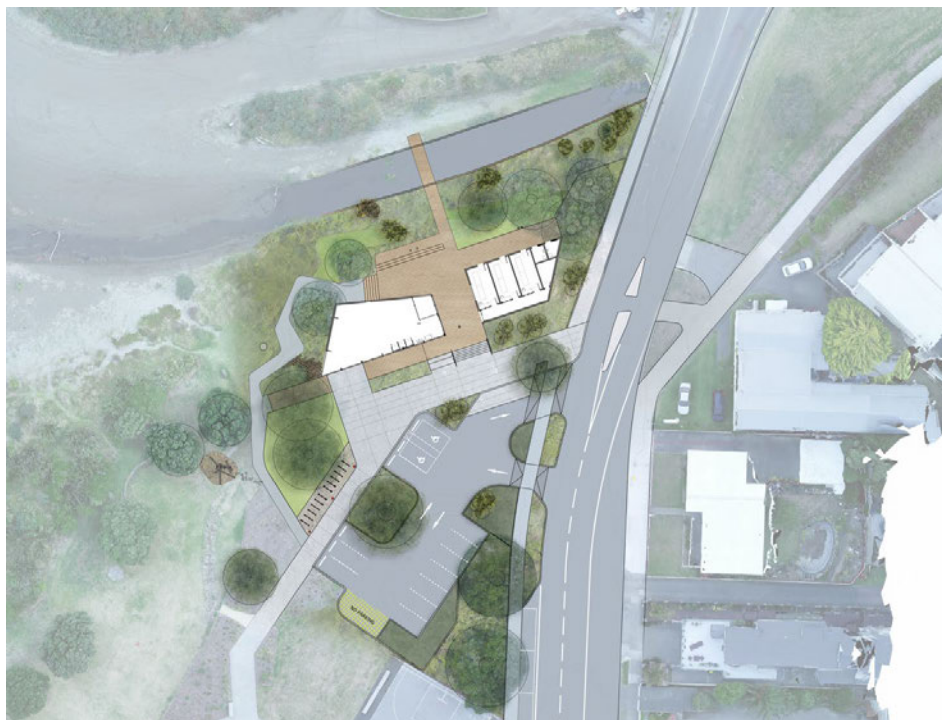
The local Forest and Bird team have possession of the memorial plaque and it will be restored and displayed within the Te Uruhi landscape.

7. What are we getting for \$7.2M? Can we have a budget breakdown?

Building pods including fitout, substructure, site services	\$3.22 million
Project Contingency	\$657,000
Landscaping - external Works and Landscaping, bridge, Artwork and Cultural elements	\$1.22 million
Other - Southern carpark, Professional Fees, margins and P&G	\$2.65 million
Total	\$7.75 million

8. Where can the present plans be seen for the whole project? Only just some “artists impressions” and one poorly located floor plan for the main buildings have been made available.

The concept design floor plan for the building is on the Council website. The developed design is currently being finalised. Below is the latest site layout plan, showing the discovery centre on the beach (left) side and the biosecurity centre on the road side:

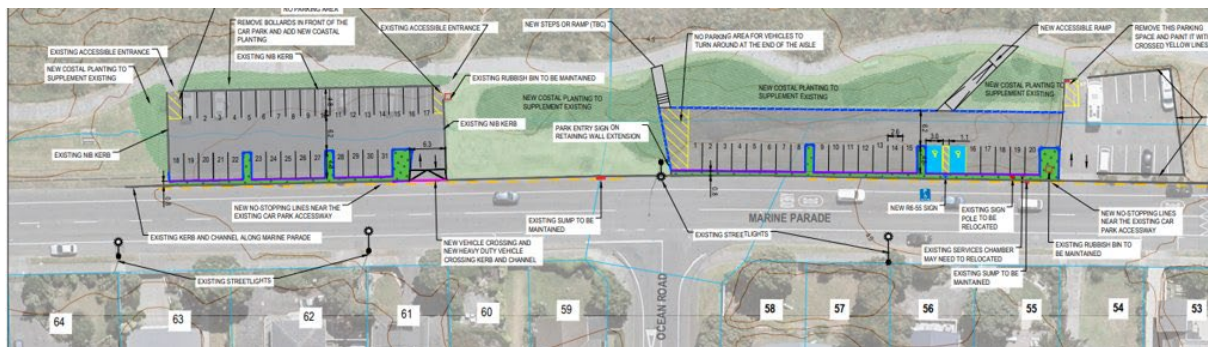


9. Where is the new parking area? Who decided that more of the limited grassy, natural park area should go into tarmac (after the ludicrous attempts to get additional parking in earlier schemes)?

The Maclean Park Management Plan that was adopted by Council in 2017 following community consultation includes commentary about the need for more carparking <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/media/macfp0qh/maclean-park-management-plan-2017.pdf> (The development plan is at the end of the management plan and shows the concept for park development).

Note the area labelled C1 on the Development Plan is an extension of the existing carpark at the southern end of Maclean Park. This was an indicative location for the purpose of the Development Plan. On further investigation, it was identified that in order to protect the dune system, the best solution is to locate the carpark slightly further south (shown as C6 on the plan). Hence, the proposed new carpark will now extend to opposite Ocean Road. The new carpark will have extensive planting around it, and improved connections to the existing shared path.

The below image shows the proposed design layout for both carparks.



The below image shows a visual (artist impression) for the carpark to the north of the Ocean Road intersection.



10. Where is the funding coming from? All sources mentioned so far are vague – squeeze the present KDCD budget – was it padded before?

The project will be funded from Council's capital works budgets. We will also be seeking additional external funding grants, as requested by Council.

11. Following on Bernie's comment - why was the "confidential" briefing a week or so ago released to the public? Was the Mayor pre-empting a formal Council vote so councillors can't reassess their position?

At the briefing, Councillors requested staff inform the community about the information that was shared, specifically with regard to the increased project costs and extended timeline.

12. Who is the planner who is independent of Council and prepared the resource consent application assessment?

Tom Anderson, Incite Resource and Environmental Consultants prepared the notification report and recommendation.

13. Who was the Council planner who reviewed the assessment? What are their qualifications?

Yolanda Morgan, Team Leader Resource Consents, reviewed the notification decision. Yolanda has a Bachelor and a Master of Science (Honours) majoring in Geography and has over 20 years of New Zealand and international experience in the resource management field.

14. Who and what status is the accredited Resource Management Act independent planning commissioner who made the final recommendation?

David McMahon, RMG Resource Management Group was the Independent Planning Commissioner who made the notification decision. David is an accredited RMA commissioner as per section 39B of the Resource Management Act 1991 and is delegated by Council to make a notification decision under the Act.

On 11 June 2022, you came back to us regarding our response to OIR 2122-270, we have provided a response below each of your queries as follows:

Thank you for your brief response to my inquiry of 12 May 2022. I would be grateful if you could expand on your response - I did ask for detail.

1. What was the budget for e.g. Plans and planning, building and site preparation, art work. How did they change?

We have listed the changes in budget for the specific items below. Please note:

- We do not hold a budget for 'plans and planning' but have interpreted this part of your request to mean the professional services costs which include resource consent planning services, project management and all design services.
- These are budget estimates only, the final cost may change once final quotes are available.

Item	Original budget	Revised budget	Comment
Professional services (incl. planning, project management, design services)	\$524,768	\$1,100,000	
Site preparation	\$128,189	\$140,975	
Artwork and cultural elements (incl. carved pou, bridge balustrades)	\$258,400	\$318,200	Note that bridge balustrades were not included in original estimate, therefore it is not possible to compare accurately.

2. I explicit asked for "How much was the extra cost associated with having to move to using sheet piling (it wasn't the original plan as you know) with stream work largely recently completed?" This project would have had a separate budget, as it was completed as a separate project and had its own resource consent.

We responded to this request on 3 June 2022 and advised you that the extra cost associated with using sheet piling was \$177,908.

Yours sincerely



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