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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2023 via Community Board Member – Glen Olsen, requesting the following information:

1. A breakdown of what the \$1.5M was spent on with the Gateway project to date, including identifying details of the cost of the Resource Consent Process (Council as Applicant and Consent Authority paid for the lot – 3 Independent Commissioners, 11+ "consultants", legal Counsel and staff time?)

The \$1.5M Te Uruhi spend was broken down as follows:

Business case	\$33,965
Feasibility study	\$64,410
Early-stage consent fees	\$22,204
Engineering and Architecture design fees	\$678,403
Miscellaneous consulting and contracts	\$50,556
Resource Consent application costs	\$203,585
Staff project management time	\$493,606
Meeting costs	\$8,682

- 2. Can we have a breakdown on what the additional \$150k Council staff have allocated now will be spent on? The discussion last night focused on the source that is irrelevant. The funds appear to be for supporting work which would have been included in the Gateway project.
 - Who decided?
 - So who is it going to?
 - What "story telling"?
 - Is some additional to that already allocated for "art work"?
 - What are the "landscape improvements"?
 - Do the latter meet current District Plan requirements (note we had issues with the past proposal (new car parks, impact on residential areas).
 - Will local residents have any input into the "Art Work"?

The additional \$150K was approved by Council to be allocated to storytelling and artwork and is not additional to any previous funding for artwork. The final design of this work is yet to be confirmed and accordingly the funding is yet to be allocated.

Story telling elements will focus on Te Uruhi stories and cultural history, and the links to Maclean Park. Landscaping improvements are yet to be designed, but any design will be compliant with the District Plan requirements. The 'Kāpiti Coast District Council Public Art Panel' will input and be involved in this process.

Under items for consideration – Maclean Park development

1. Status of the beach access track upgrade and any electronic barrier? Already kicked of with a Landscape Architect consultant with no consultation of users to date that I am aware of.

The previous landscaping concept work for this area was done as part of the general Te Uruhi project. These projects will now be reviewed as part of future development and this work is yet to begin.

2. Maclean Park Development – stage 2 – can details of the plans be made available on the Council website before work is commenced? Not just PR words.

Yes. Designs of the amenity block, skatepark, and landscaping will be undertaken by separate specialists. We will publish final designs for these as they become available. You can view the preliminary design for the skatepark on our website via the following link: Maclean Park refresh-have we got it right? | Have Your Say | Kāpiti Coast (kapiticoast.govt.nz), please note this is preliminary only for community feedback and is subject to change.

Ngā mihi

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