

Chairperson and Committee Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

1 DECEMBER 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FROM THE WAIKANAE
 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks a recommendation from the Waikanae Community Board to Council on the allocation of \$10,000 from the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund to procure and install five specimen trees in the new Waikanae Station Park and Ride.

Delegation

- 2 The Waikanae Community Board has the delegated authority as at section D.10.14 of the Governance Structure:
Authority to consider and make recommendations to Council on the proposed use of the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of funding capital projects within the Waikanae Community Board boundary. This is for expenditure over and above the approved annual grant allocations from this fund.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The budget allocation for the 2015/16 financial year for the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund is \$34,545.
- 4 An amount of approximately \$1.238 million is held in the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund. The following table shows how that fund has been allocated:

Amount	Purpose of Grant
\$893,000	Held in reserve
\$250,000	Pledged to the Mahara Gallery Trust
\$35,000 (approx)	Allocated to the 2015/16 Waikanae Capital Improvement Grant
\$60,000 (approx)	Increase in fund from previous year
TOTAL	\$1,238,000

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

Enhancement of the redeveloped Waikanae Station Park and Ride

- 5 In July 2015 Greater Wellington Regional Council bought the land on which the Waikanae Hotel currently stands, on Main Road / State Highway One in Waikanae. The purchase was funded by the Regional Council and the NZ Transport Agency with the aim of creating around 230 parking spaces, bringing the total number of free park and ride spots at Waikanae to over 400.
- 6 The site is ideal for Waikanae Station commuter parking as commuters will have a very short stroll to the lights to cross SH1 safely to the station, avoiding the extremely risky behaviour of many commuters at the moment who are parking further north on SH1 and dashing across and along this very busy highway.
- 7 The Waikanae Community Board has been working closely with the Regional Council and the local community to ensure the facility is an attractive, well-maintained site which can be available for community activities, such as farmers' markets, during the weekends.
- 8 The Regional Council is funding the upgrade of the car park, including new car park surfacing, road markings and signage and all necessary pedestrian access adjustments. As part of the upgrade it will endeavour, where possible to retain existing planting around the edges of the car park, and to supplement this where necessary.
- 9 To further enhance the new car park, the Community Board proposes that an amount of \$10,000 be allocated from the 2015/16 Waikanae Capital Improvement Grant to fund the procurement and installation of five mature specimen trees.
- 10 The installation of the trees will include the creation of islands within the car park which will be funded by the Regional Council. The Regional Council has also undertaken to pay for the on-going maintenance of the trees and this will be formalised in a maintenance contract in due course.
- 11 Construction of the new car park is expected to start in early 2016 with planting of the proposed trees likely to be in the autumn, thus falling within the 2015/16 financial year.

Financial Considerations

- 12 Should the grant for consideration in this report be approved the remainder of the 2015/16 financial year will be as follows:

Fund	2015/16 Budget Allocation	Total Allocated to Date	Total Unallocated to Date
Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund	\$34,545	\$10,000	\$24,545

SIGNIFICANCE OF ENGAGEMENT

13 This matter has a low level of significance under the Council Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14 That the Waikanae Community Board recommends to Council that it allocates up to \$10,000 from the Waikanae Capital Improvement Fund to procure and install five specimen trees in the new Waikanae Station Park and Ride.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Criteria

- Capital Improvement Fund