

OIR: 2324/984

31 July 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of **3 July 2024** requesting the following information:

- 1. Do not use other than English when writing to me. If you do intend to do so, please send a copy of the legal requirement giving the written terms of address to be used in correspondence. Historically, KCDC used english to me. Apart from unknown - no translation - committees mentioned - 3a. vi - to nearly the end the reply was English. As an OIA query, please explain why the full reply was not in the language used for the 'greeting' and 'closing'.***

Please send a copy of - or reference - the bylaw or legislation requiring local authorities to start and end correspondence in other than English. If there is no legislation/bylaw, please send complete correspondence to me in English.

Te reo Māori is an official language of Aotearoa New Zealand and as public servants we are working hard to increase our Council's capability in te reo Māori and reflect a commitment to a bilingual Aotearoa by using te reo Māori and English in both our accountability documents and customer communications. This is consistent with the aspirations of Maihi Karauna, the Crown's Strategy for Māori Language Revitalisation 2019–2023.

Council proactively encourages our staff to embrace the use of te reo Māori, and the way some of our written ratepayer communications are put together. Council partner with mana whenua iwi to help ensure Māori culture and Te reo Māori are recognised as intrinsic part of the culture and identity of Kāpiti Coast. We proactively encourage our staff to embrace the use of te reo Māori, and the way some of our written ratepayer communications are put together.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

While we note your request for Council to use only English salutations in all future communication with you, both written and verbal I am unable to make that commitment for all of Council correspondence.

2. *Everything Kapiti has a pic of Maclean Park wc/amenity block "10 toilets with accessible change rooms.' What was the full cost of the block?*

The design, professional services, supply and install of the new Exeloo block is \$1,328,938. Please note this excludes Council staff time.

3. *As a separate item, give the cost of demolishing the old block.*

\$20,000.

4. *Confirm nothing from the demolished wc/change block has been preserved/saved/kept/recycled for any amenity at Otaki. If it has, what was saved, where would it be used?*

Water solenoid control valves, WC flushing valves, Exeloo Doors, door locking hardware, door closers and basin tapware, all these items could be repurposed around the Kāpiti region.

5. *How much has been spent on the Otaki Beach 'Pavilion' to date?*

2023/2024 Financial year: Capex \$39,701.25 / Opex \$5,009.40.

6. *What are architect fees and full spend to date?*

2023/2024 Financial year: Architect fees: \$28,555 / Total spend: \$39,701.25.

7. *When will work on the Pavilion restart?*

No start date has been confirmed.

8. *The Pavilion is 86 years old, has a historic listing - walls cannot be changed, it cannot be demolished. Why is it being kept as a toilet block given its small size and expanding community numbers?*

The design of the upgrade work will be within required Heritage guidelines.

9. *Has Otaki Community Board*

I. the latest information about the new Maclean block

The Ōtaki Community Board will have received the same information updates that all Elected Members receive on our Projects.

II. been asked for an opinion re Beach wc/amenity block

No.

III. been given Maclean wc etc final costs - minus murals?

No.

10. Has the Marine Coastal etc legislation giving moari ownership for most NZ coasts been lodged for Otaki Coast? Is it a consideration in inaction at Otaki Beach?

Claims have been filed under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (replacement for foreshore and Seabed Legislation) by various iwi claiming protected customary rights and customary marine title in foreshore areas. A number of applications from iwi covering the Kāpiti Coast District have been received covering areas within Ōtaki. Council has filed affidavit and submissions as an interested party to the applicants. The Kāpiti-Manawatu has commenced, and hearings will continue later this year and next year.

11. Do KCDC's Parks & Reserves consider Kite Day and year round WC use at Otaki beach?

Yes, the Property Unit has allowed an extra 4 x WC s in the revised floor plan.

12. What data has council on Otaki Beach wc use, by month across the year? Provide the monthly data used for wc/amenity replacement for Maclean park.

No data is available on the WC Usage. On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Thank you,



Sean Mallon

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Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Anga me te Whakahaere Rawa