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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 March 2021 08:09  
**To:** [REDACTED]; official information  
**Subject:** LGOIMA 21040 - [REDACTED] - Stuff - Artwork owned by the Hamilton City Council

Kia ora

I refer to your information request below, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

**1. What is the total value of all artwork owned by the Hamilton City Council?**

Hamilton City Council's artwork is valued at an estimated \$21.7 million. This is based on a 2015 valuation of the Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato collection for insurance purposes (\$21,665,859). Insurance valuations of the Museum's collection are done around every five years. It also includes 40 artworks at Hamilton City Libraries (\$46,000).

**2. How many artworks does the council own?**

Council owns 5086 artworks – 5046 in the Waikato Museum collection and 40 housed at Hamilton City Libraries

**3. How many artworks by Colin McCahon does the council own?**

Hamilton City Council owns 13 Colin McCahon paintings.

**4. When were the McCahon paintings last exhibited?**

Three of the works were included in two different exhibitions at the Waikato Museum in 2019-2020.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards,  
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**From:** official information <[officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** LGOIMA 21040 - [REDACTED] - Artwork owned by the Hamilton City Council

Kia ora

I write to acknowledge your information request of 9 February 2021 as below.

Your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than Tuesday 9 March 2021.

Kind regards, Michelle

Official Information Team

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** official information <[officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** OIA request

Official Information Request.

Can you please supply the following information.

- What is the total value of all artwork owned by the Hamilton City Council?
- How many artworks does the council own?
- How many artworks by Colin McCahon does the council own?
- When were the McCahon paintings last exhibited?
- What is the council's current level of debt?

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