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**To:** **Section 7 (2) (a)**  
**Cc:** [Official Information](#)  
**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 398698 - **Section 7 (2) (a)** - ThawK consultation / contract renewal / contract value  
**Date:** Friday, 31 May 2024 2:54:59 pm  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

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*I understand that you may charge for providing this information. If that charge will be more than \$300 please let me know. In order to reduce costs I am happy to receive copies of documents electronically or by a USB memory stick.*

*If you have any queries or require any further information to progress the request, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

**Our response:**

The Chief Executive has passed on to us for a response.

**Has ThawK, since October 10, 2022, been consulted on the Opoia Pa/Sonning Car Park site and, if so, what information/advice has been provided to HCC?**

Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa (THaWK) has been kept updated on developments regarding Sonning Carpark now Opoia Paa Carpark. They have noted their interest to be involved in any future development discussions re Opoia Paa in particular associated historical narratives. THaWK did support the name change and were consequently invited to the Opoia Paa Carpark sign unveiling blessing.

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The current annual budgeted amount for mana whenua engagement is \$140,000 pa. This includes costs associated to mana whenua engagement with THaWK and Ngaati Wairere separately. We are working with both THaWK and Ngaati Wairere to agree individual Service Level Agreements for mana whenua engagement. We can confirm that the budget amount for mana whenua engagement did not increase on 24 July 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.

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**From:** Section 7 (2) (a)

**Sent:** Saturday, May 4, 2024 11:24 AM

**To:** CEO <[CEO@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:CEO@hcc.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Official Information Act Request

May 4, 2024,.

Ir Lance Vervoort,

Chief Executive,

Hamilton City Council

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