
APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

Purpose of Report

To seek the Community Board's approval of additional expenditure.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the Approval of Additional Expenditure Report*
2. *Approve \$100 to be paid to Grand Illusions for the installation of Christmas decorations at the Greytown Town Centre, to be funded from the beautification fund.*
3. *Approve \$6.72 to be paid to Greater Wellington Regional Council for the purchase of native trees by the Greytown Tree Advisory Group, to be funded from the beautification fund.*
4. *Consider approving a 9-month extension of the grant of \$640.40 to the Greytown Tree Advisory Group for planting at the Lions Nature Trail North Street.*

1. Executive Summary

The Community Board has delegated authority to make financial decisions within the confines of the allocated and available budget as shown in the Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Community Board is being asked to approve funds in retrospect to contribute to the installation of Christmas decorations at the Greytown Town Centre and the purchase of native trees by the Greytown Tree Advisory Group.

2. Financial decisions

2.1 Christmas decorations

SWDC has received an invoice via the Chair from Grand Illusions to the value of \$400. We have been invoiced \$200 to cover the Christmas decoration installation for the Greytown Town Centre Mid-Christmas Festival in June 2020 and \$200 for the Christmas decorations installation in November 2020.

On 5 August 2020, the Greytown Community Board resolved to approve the sum of \$300 for Christmas lights for the Greytown Town Centre to be paid to Grand Illusions, Greytown, to be funded from the Beautification Fund (GCB 2020/36). As the invoice is for \$400, the Board is being asked to fund the outstanding \$100.

Note that the Income and Expenditure Statement currently shows a \$200 commitment from 11/12/2019 for the installation and removal of Christmas decorations at the town centre. This was paid in March 2020 and the Income and Expenditure Statement will be updated to reflect this.

2.1 Greytown Tree Advisory Group

On 13 May 2020, the Greytown Community Board considered a grant application from the Greytown Tree Advisory Group and O'Connor's Bush Working Group and resolved to grant \$640.40 for Lions Nature Trail North Street planting, \$515.10 for Greytown Rail Trail planting and \$295 for O'Connors Bush tree planting (GCB 2020/16). The funding committed and spend since 1 July 2020 have since been transferred to the Board's beautification fund (GCB 2020/53 refers).

The Income and Expenditure Statement shows the outstanding funds remaining: \$640.06 for the Lions Nature Trail North Street planting, \$40.41 for the Greytown Rail Trail planting, \$149.52 for the O'Connor's Bush planting.

SWDC has received an invoice from Greater Wellington Regional Council for plants purchased by the Greytown Tree Advisory Group from the Akura Plant Nursery for \$195.65 (excluding GST). Jez Partridge of the Greytown Tree Advisory Group has confirmed this was for plantings at the Greytown Rail Trail and O'Connor's Bush planting of which there is \$189.93 remaining so we are seeking a resolution from the Board to fund the outstanding balance of \$6.72.

The planting at the Lions Nature Trail North Street has not occurred however the Greytown Tree Advisory Group has indicated they would like to look at this for next winter if the Board will allow the grant to be retained. The Board may consider extending the grant or may choose to consider releasing the funds back to the beautification fund and inviting the Greytown Tree Advisory Group to reapply again next year.

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