

**Community & Services Committee**

22 February 2024

**Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [2]**

**Department: Strategy & Policy**

**Title | Taitara: Heritage Incentive Grant – St Colomba Church Wānaka**

**Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko**

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The purpose of this report is to review a request for a Heritage Incentive Grant for reimbursement costs for professional advice for St Colomba Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.

**Recommendation | Kā Tūtohuka**

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That the Community & Services Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Approve** The Heritage Incentive Grant of \$3,000 for reimbursement of professional advice for St Colomba Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.

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**Context | Horopaki**

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1. St Colomba's nave of timber was opened in 1902 with the porch added in 1905. The architect was Mr Burnside (Dunedin). The church was completed in 1911 with funds raised by the community, which paid for a chancel and vestry. Its design is simple with pitched roof and gothic shaped windows and doors. Later William Morris-patterned linoleum was used to cover interior walls. This was a most unusual feature which was practical for cleaning as well as being attractive; St Colomba's stained glass windows are still a feature. They commemorate, as well as the usual religious Christian iconography, early pioneers, WWI casualties and a striking contemporary view

of the lake. They have been donated by members of the parish and date from 1916 through to 1994.

2. The church building includes several stained-glass windows gifted by families of the district. This symbolises the spirit, effort of time and money provided by the community.
3. The applicant is Rev. Damon Plimmer, minister of the Upper Clutha Anglican Church, who requires funding assistance with the cost of both the resource consent which is required with a heritage buildings maintenance work and the cost of repairs to the stained- glass windows.

#### Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

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4. This report identifies and assesses the following reasonably practicable options for assessing the matter as required by section 77 of the Local Government Act 2002:
5. **Option 1** Approve the reimbursement of resource consent and maintenance costs to the value of \$3,000 for Upper Clutha Anglican Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.

##### Advantages:

- The Heritage Incentive grant will be used appropriately to provide for this heritage project and allow this group to be reimbursed for this maintenance work and consent costs.

##### Disadvantages:

- The available total fund for the year would be diminished by \$3,000 and the applicant would be required to fund the project in full or apply to other external funders.

6. **Option 2** Decline the reimbursement of the resource consent and maintenance costs to the value of \$3,000 for Upper Clutha Anglican Church, 34 McDougall Street, Wānaka.

##### Advantages:

- The Heritage Incentive grant will not be spent on this occasion, ensuring on-going provision of funds for future projects.

##### Disadvantages:

- The Heritage Incentive grant will arguably not be used for the purposes for which it was created.

7. This report recommends **Option 1** as this project meets the funding criteria for the heritage Incentive grant process and there is budget available for addressing the matter.

### Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

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#### Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi i kā Whakaaro Hiraka

8. This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the [Council's Significance and Engagement Policy](#) 2021 because it would align with existing policies, strategies and previous Council resolutions.
9. The persons who are affected by or interested in this matter are Heritage NZ, the owners and parishioners of the Upper Clutha Anglican Church and the residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District.
10. The Council has not consulted with any other groups on this project.

#### Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

11. The Council has not consulted with iwi on this project.

### Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

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12. This matter relates to the Community & Wellbeing risk category. It is associated with RISK10002 Erosion of social cohesion within the [QLDC Risk Register](#). This risk has been assessed as having a high residual risk rating.
13. The approval of the recommended option will allow Council to retain the risk at its current level. This will be achieved by the heritage incentive grant being used appropriately to ensure the heritage building is repaired and protected for our community and supports our Heritage Strategy.

### Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

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14. The Heritage Incentive Grant budget of \$25,582 per annum was approved through the Long Term Plan. This is the first of two applications for the 2023/24 financial year.

### Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

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15. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
  - Heritage Strategy – the Council provides a heritage incentive grant to assist with the financial costs borne by owners of listed heritage items including natural and built heritage items in the Queenstown Lakes District

- Vision Beyond 2050 – Embracing the Māori world – Our Māori ancestry and European heritage are both reflected and enrich our lives; this acknowledges the importance of preserving and protecting the heritage features in the district.

16. The recommended option is consistent with the principles set out in the named policies.

17. This matter is included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan as a budget line under the Grants and Levies Budget cost centre with a budget of \$25,58. This matter is also included in the Long Term Plan through our community outcomes – Community Services & Facilities – strong cultural landscape that inspires preserves and celebrates our heritage arts and culture.

#### Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

18. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. By providing funding support to the heritage property owners of the district we ensure these heritage features will be maintained for future generations to enjoy. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act.

19. The recommended option:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

#### Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Invoice – Queenstown Lakes District Council
B	Invoice – Art Glass Wānaka