

8 August 2022

To: The Property & Community Services Committee
From: Whanganui Repertory Inc
Meeting: 9 August 2022 at 1:00pm
Re: Restoration of the Theatre Building & Repertory Theatre Bank Stabilisation.

Background

1. January 2021 - Repertory Theatre Committee (“Repertory”) initiate a Conservation Report (“the Report”) which is completed in December 2021. The Report is funded by \$28,479.47 from various community funders and \$4,169.03 from Whanganui District Council (“WDC”).
2. 26/11/2021 - Repertory Restoration Team (“the Team”) meet with the Mayor, Council Staff, and the Report Writer regarding the restoration.
3. 14/12/2021 - Repertory advise WDC Repertory of the funding avenues Repertory use or are aware of.
4. 21/02/2022 – WDC advise Repertory that Heritage Grant Funding of \$5,780.00 will be allocated towards commissioning quantity surveying advice for strengthening / restoring the building.
5. 29/03/2022 - the Report is tabled with the Property and Community Services Committee – Property Group Report Item 5.4 pages 34-35.
6. 16/05/2022 - Ian Rae is appointed Project Manager of the Theatre Restoration and Bank Stabilisation (“the two projects”). In the past work on the Bank has been minimal and ineffective in arresting its movement.

Repertory’s Contribution to the Arts in Whanganui

7. An Integral part of the cultural Heritage of Whanganui:
 - Staging at least four plays per year
 - Commissioning and / or promoting new works by local playwrights
 - Providing a Theatre Space for other Theatre Groups – e.g., Arts on Tour
 - Providing space for other Whanganui Community Groups to use – e.g., Heritage Trust 2022 AGM: monthly meetings for Community Education Whanganui.

WDC’s Responsibility to Repertory and the City

8. A duty to comply with the Vision and Purpose of the District Heritage Strategy and implement Goal 3 to manage and ensure sustainable on-going use of historic heritage.
9. Comply with Goals and Principal Objectives espoused in the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 – a Kaupapa of collaboration, inclusivity, and partnership with Repertory.
10. Account for monies spent on the two projects thus far. \$150,000 allocated in the Annual Plan for 2021/22.
11. Have the Project Manager provide a full report to the Property Committee and Repertory as to progress.

Beverley Pearce for Repertory Restoration Team