

8. ALLOCATION OF 2006/07 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FUNDS – COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with information regarding the cost of purchasing and installing commemorative plaques in acknowledgement of the Board's contribution to community projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 10 October 2006 the Board resolved "to request advice from staff on the feasibility of funding \$1,000 for commemorative plaques from its available 2006/07 Environment Committee Funds." These plaques could be placed on or near "visible" projects funded by the Board, for example play equipment, park benches, trees planted.
3. A quotation received for a standard stone commemorative plaque or tablet, 150x100 cm in size, which is cast in bronze, is \$275 + GST. This quotation has been received from Decra Art Ltd, Monumental Masons, who are based in Sydenham, and are regularly used as a provider by the Council. Other sizes and costs are as follows:

200 x 150 cm	\$375+ GST
200 x 200 cm	\$395+ GST
300 x 200 cm	\$450+ GST

4. This price includes inscription but any logos etc would be additional along with the installation cost of approximately \$175-\$225 + GST per plaque.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Financial considerations are addressed in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.
6. Allocation of funding for plaques would not be inconsistent with Council policy or practice.
7. All work would be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

OPTIONS

8. There are two possible options:
 - (a) The Board could allocate a specified amount from its 2006/07 Environment Committee Fund for the cost of purchasing commemorative plaques and associated installation costs. Due to the expense of each plaque, the Board may wish to allocate an amount larger than the \$1,000 previously indicated for this purpose.
 - (b) The Board could fund the cost of purchasing a commemorative plaque and associated installation costs on a case by case basis, for appropriate projects as and when they arise. The advantage of this option is that the wording of each plaque could be tailored specifically to what has been funded. For example, if a number of trees in a park have been funded, one plaque could say "Trees donated by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board".

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.