

## Rebecca Watson

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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 February 2019 10:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** official information  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA 19016: Municipal Pools  
**Attachments:** OIA Municipal Pool.docx

Good morning,

Further to your information request of 31 January 2019 in respect of Municipal Pools, I am now able to provide Hamilton City Council's response.

### **You requested:**

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*Why were ratepayers not considered in discussions as part of the Stakeholder group?*

*What is the cost of:*

- *Demolition*
- *Refurbishment?*

*What are Council plans for the site? Has the Resource Consent been placed on hold?*

*Why has it taken over 3 years for Council to not make a decision since permanent closure?*

### **Our response:**

#### **Why were ratepayers not considered in discussions as part of the Stakeholder group?**

Public consultation on the permanent closure of the Municipal Pools was part of the 2015-25 LTP. Consultation about the demolition will be via the formal consent process, which is publicly notified and seeks public submissions (this process will begin shortly).

#### **What is the cost of:**

- **Demolition** – The estimated cost for the demolition physical works is \$655,000 - \$750,000
- **Refurbishment?** – The estimated cost for refurbishment is \$4,000,000 - \$6,000,000

#### **What are Council plans for the site? Has the Resource Consent been placed on hold?**

The plan for the site is yet to be determined as the resource is still being processed. It is intended that the site is to be returned to green/leisure space, matching the existing contour of the surrounding park landscape.

**Has the Resource Consent been placed on hold?**

No, the consent has been lodged and is currently being processed.

**Why has it taken over 3 years for Council to not make a decision since permanent closure?**

The decision was made to permanently close the facility in the 2015-25 LTP once preliminary planning had been completed and a budget estimate had been established. The Council was required to wait until the next 10YP cycle (i.e. 2018-2028 10YP) to consider approval of the necessary funding.

Kind regards,

**Amy Viggers**

*On behalf of the Privacy Officer*

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Good Morning,

I write to acknowledge your information request of 31 January 2019 in respect of Municipal Pools.

Please be advised that your request has been passed on to the relevant team within Council and you will be informed of the outcome.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 requires that we advise you of our decision on whether the Council will provide the requested information or not “as soon as reasonably practicable”, no later than 20 working days after the day we received your request. We will respond to you no later than 1 March 2019.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** HCC Website - Official Information Request ref: HCC-QF-190131-5YOCL-VQQ

## **HCC Website - Official Information Request**

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**Attachment:** attached

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email address:** [REDACTED]

**Phone number:** [REDACTED]

### **Detailed Description of Request**

State/Status of Municipal Pool

**Organisation:** not supplied

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