Estimated Costs Incurred By MCST In The Current Round Of Legal Actions



It is necessary for Residents to know the cost, as ultimately, they are the ones to foot the bill. I am making an estimate, as I do not have access to the actual amounts

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Order to pay costs to Appellant:

1. The High Court has directed MCST to pay a cost of \$22,000 to the Appellant, plus disbursements. It has also directed the STB to award costs to the Appellant based on its standard rate.

2. Since the High Court awarded \$22,000 based on a 1-day trial, the costs at STB is likely to be considerably higher. The STB trial lasted 10 days and based on an award based on just 50% of the High Court costs ordered, the STB costs could amount to about \$110,000.

Estimated legal costs incurred by MCST:

3. The amount of legal costs to be paid to the Appellant is estimated at around \$132,000.

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4. Since costs ordered to be paid on a standard basis is estimated to be at approx. 60% to 70% of actual legal costs

incurred, the MCST is estimated to have incurred legal costs of around \$190,000.

5. Total legal costs incurred by MCST (own costs and cost orders made) is estimated to be around \$322,000.

Source of funding for the \$322,000:

6. The amount that has been paid/needs to be paid has to come from somewhere. Since the MCST has to bear the cost, it will come directly from the funds of MCST, i.e. from money owned by SPs. The MCST has



not provided info to SPs on the source of funding for the \$322,000 estimated to have been incurred. Part of the needs may have already been paid.