



Date: July 30, 2003

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: KITSILANO BEACH PARKING LOT -
HOURS OF OPERATION**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve a consultation with local residents regarding the closing time of the pay parking lot.

BACKGROUND

The Kitsilano Beach pay parking lot at Cornwall & Arbutus is currently open 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Vehicles remaining in the lot at 11:15 p.m. are issued violation tickets, and towed away at 11:30 p.m. The lot is closed at 11:00 p.m. as requested by the Kitsilano Residents' Association to curb noise and rowdy behaviour from late night visitors.

Much of street parking in the area is permit parking for residents only, and there is little alternative parking available for non-residents. Residents, visitors to the area, and restaurant owners and patrons, have requested that the lot's opening hours be extended to midnight or 1:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION

There are over 25 restaurants, cafes and small food service operations within a three block radius of the parking lot. Some restaurants are open until midnight or 1:00 a.m. There is little available parking for their patrons.

The Kitsilano Beach pay parking lot has 280 parking stalls. Excepting the summer season, the parking lot is not well used in the evenings. An increase in its usage from extending hours would result in an increase in parking revenues of \$5,000-10,000.

While there is clear support from some parties for an extension to the lot's parking hours, concerns are anticipated from some of the residents of the adjacent properties.

Staff recommend discussing this proposal with local residents before bringing a report back to the Board for approval. Any changes could be made on a trial basis initially, and be subject to regular review.

SUMMARY

A consultation with local residents will assist the Board in assessing whether it is feasible to extend the parking lot's closing time.

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