



Date: March 26, 1999

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
**SUBJECT: STANLEY PARK/ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB
PARKING LOT**

RECOMMENDATION

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| <p>A. THAT the Board approve modifications to the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club parking as shown on the attached.</p> <p>B. THAT the Board approve the designation of 73 stalls in the parking lot as reserved for Royal Vancouver Yacht Club members.</p> |
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POLICY

1. The Board currently leases 45 stalls on a reserved basis to the Rowing Club for an annual fee of \$17,000.
2. RVYC currently pays the Board \$33,333 per annum to allow its members to park near their facility, predominantly in the lot referenced in this report.

BACKGROUND

In 1997 and 1998, as part of the Stanley Park traffic management initiatives, the roadside parking on Park Drive between the Rowing Club parking lot and the waterpark was removed. This eliminated approximately 15 to 20 roadside stalls that were predominantly used by RVYC users. Mid summer weekend spot checks on four occasions showed the adjacent lot to be 97% occupied.

DISCUSSION

With the impending redevelopment of the Coal Harbour (old "lower zoo") parking lot to accommodate the demonstration salmon stream and information centre, approximately 90 parking stalls will be lost. While there is adequate capacity to accommodate this loss in the new works yard parking lot on Pipeline Road, it is assumed that some park users will continue east on Park Drive seeking parking and occupy the RVYC lot.

The inability of RVYC users to park near the facility would be onerous, given their original capital investment to build the lot in 1980 and their existing agreement to pay the Board \$33,333 for parking privileges.

At their cost, the RVYC is prepared to reconfigure the existing lot to create a net increase of green space of approximately 750 square feet and create an additional 13 parking stalls. In return staff recommend that the RVYC be allowed to designate 73 of the stalls as reserved for their users. The 97 general public stall capacity will only be strained on summer weekends but fits with the transportation initiative to de-emphasize the Park Drive sites for parking in favour of central Pipeline Road locations.

The current parking agreement with the RVYC will be continued until at least 2006, when their waterlot lease must be renewed, with annual payment escalation to match CPI increases.

Current arrangements between the RVYC and the Park Board regarding the lot use and special events will continue.

CONCLUSION

The above noted modifications to the parking lot will increase its capacity and return 750 square feet of the site to green space at no cost to the Board.

Allocating reserved parking stalls for RVYC users is in keeping with the Board's relationship with the Rowing Club, recognizes the parking payments made by the RVYC to the Park Board, and will not significantly affect the remainder of the automotive population in the Park.

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