



Date: December 1, 2011.

TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Kitsilano Showboat Licence Renewal

RECOMMENDATION

A. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the licence agreement with the Kitsilano Showboat Society for a further 5 year term commencing January 1, 2012.

B. THAT once the licence has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

BACKGROUND

The Board has control and management over Kitsilano Park, the site of the Kitsilano Showboat Outdoor Amphitheatre which includes a stage, dressing rooms, washroom facilities, sound system, lights and seating for the public. Kitsilano Showboat was founded in 1935 as a community project where entertainers could display their talents. The summer of 2011 was their 76th season and there were over sixty different performances with approximately six hundred residents and visitors on average in attendance. Through the years members of the Society have staged free performances during the months of June, July, August and September.

The Board developed a licence agreement with the Kitsilano Showboat Society in February 1987. The current five year lease expires on December 31, 2011. The Society has requested a renewal with the same terms as those in the existing licence agreement.

DISCUSSION

The Kitsilano Showboat Society representative has indicated that they would like to renew the licence agreement for an additional five (5) years. They have not requested any significant changes to the current terms and conditions of the agreement which are summarized below:

1. For the term of the licence (five years), the right to use the Theatre for the months of May through September, (January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016). The Society also has year round exclusive use of the 3 dressing rooms for storage of equipment.

2. The Society will pay the Board \$1.00 for the renewal term which is payable in advance.
3. The Society shall provide a copy of its proposed program for the season to the Board prior to May 1st.
4. The Society will provide copies of their annual financial statements to the Board.
5. The Board and the City have made no commitment to underwrite the Society's performances.
6. The Society pays its own utilities, services, repairs, improvements or other expenses relating to the Theatre.
7. The Society maintains liability insurance of \$2,000,000 that indemnifies the City.
8. The Society agrees to comply with the Human Rights Code (British Columbia) with respect to its operations, services and employment practices.
9. The Society will keep the Theatre in a safe, neat and tidy condition at all times during the months of May, June, July, August and September.
10. The Board is responsible for any necessary repairs to the structural areas of the Theatre.

SUMMARY

The renewal of this lease will enable the Kitsilano Showboat Society to continue to provide a variety of artistic, cultural and theatrical performances for the enjoyment of the public at minimal cost to the Board.

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