



Date: June 1, 2015

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Jericho Sailing Centre Licence Renewal

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the licence with the Jericho Sailing Center Association for a ten year period commencing on October 1st, 2015;
- B. FURTHER THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Director of Legal Services, City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.

POLICY

The Board approves the use of all lands under its jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

The Jericho Sailing Centre has been administered by the Jericho Sailing Centre Association for the past forty one years. The Association is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers and staff reporting to a board of directors.

The principle functions of the Association are to provide instruction and recreational ocean access for the people of Vancouver in small naturally powered craft in sailing, dinghies, stand up paddling, wind surfing, outrigger canoes and kayaking. They also provide rental space for their members to store their boats. They are very active in the community promoting safe and affordable access to the ocean. In 1975 they formed the Jericho Rescue Team, a staff supported volunteer program providing safety and rescue services for all of their events as well any emergencies that occur in the English Bay basin. Twice per year volunteers of the Association participate in the Great Canadian Shore-line Clean up as well as Earth Day and other community activities.

DISCUSSION

The Association has requested that the Vancouver Park Board consider a renewal of their current lease for a ten year term with an option to renew for a further ten years. The current lease which is a ten year term expires on September 30, 2015. With the exception of this request, no other substantive changes are proposed.

SUMMARY

The Jericho Sailing Centre Association has been tenants since 1985. They actively promote aquatic recreation in the fields of sailing, kayaking, stand up paddle board and wind surfing. They have been good custodians of our facility maintaining and where necessary upgrading the building.

Staff is recommending that the Park Board approve a ten year lease for the use of the premises at Jericho Beach.

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