



Date: July 13, 2000

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: POOH CORNER DAYCARE

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board concur with the recommendations of the attached Council report concerning the rehabilitation and operation of the 975 Lagoon Drive site in Stanley Park.

POLICY

The Board has renewed leases for the occupation of the 975 Lagoon Drive site for daycare purposes since 1972.

BACKGROUND

Since the departure of the superintendent in 1972 from the site that had been his residence, the building and surrounding grounds have been leased to a non-profit society for daycare purposes.

The above referenced leases placed the bulk of the maintenance responsibilities upon the occupants. This obligation has been honoured in a sporadic fashion during the last 25 years.

This Heritage B structure needs significant repair, but its use is outside the core responsibilities of the Board and hence its renovation has not overcome other priorities of the Board's capital planning needs.

DISCUSSION

As the use of development amenity funds collected from the adjacent residential area (Triangle West) includes daycare as an appropriate use of the funds, city and parks staff are recommending this source to pay for required building upgrades.

Parks staff do not foresee an alternate public use for the structure, and given its heritage designation demolition would be difficult. The Board's financial expose would not exceed its present responsibility to deal with the building's structural elements.

CONCLUSION

The use of Triangle West CAC funds to renovate this heritage civic building is an appropriate use of amenity funds.

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