Date: January 6, 2005



TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation

FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Jericho Sailing Centre License Renewal

RECOMMENDATION

A. THAT the Park Board approve the proposed Phase V renovations described in this report.

B. THAT subject to the General Manager receiving satisfactory proof of complete project funding the Park Board extend the current license agreement with the Jericho Sailing Centre Association to September 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Jericho Sailing Centre Association is a non-profit Association whose main purpose is to encourage recreational sailing and boating. It has operated the Jericho Sailing Centre under a license agreement with the Park Board for thirty years. Their present agreement expires September 30, 2008.

The Jericho Sailing Centre Association wishes to embark upon Phase V of their building upgrading program. This phase will improve washroom facilities, replace the existing elevator and add a rooftop observation deck. The plans for these changes were presented to the Planning and Environment Committee on December 7, 2004 and received general support. The Association has also applied to the City for the necessary development and building permits.

DISCUSSION

Staff have reviewed the Sailing Centre's Phase V Building Renovation plans which include:

- Addition of main floor disabled washroom
- Addition of rooftop safety/observation deck for up to 60 people
- Renovation of men's washroom
- Renovation of women's washroom, showers and change rooms
- Elevator replacement to complete the seismic upgrade of the building.

The construction budget for the project is approximately \$575,000 and will be paid for by the Jericho Sailing Centre Association through savings, a Capital Project Improvement Grant request and a bank loan.

The Association's lending institution requires that the term of the license agreement runs until at least 2015 as a condition of the loan. The Association is therefore requesting the Board extend the current license agreement to September 30, 2015. Proof of sufficient funds satisfactory to the General Manager will be provided prior to entering into any license extension.

Staff have provided comments to the Jericho Sailing Centre Association on the schematic drawings and are prepared to recommend approval in principle subject to review of more detailed drawings and Association's agreement to carry out work as per the Park Board's requirements.

SUMMARY

These renovations, supported in principle by staff, will improve many of the basic support areas such as washrooms and the elevator at the Jericho Sailing Centre, focusing on improved access for the disabled. Costs will be covered by the Association but require the extension of the existing license term to 2015 to meet the requirements of the lending institution.

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