

Date: October 17, 2007



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Cottage Hospice Lease Renewal - Burrardview Park

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received for information.

BACKGROUND

The Park Board entered into a unique partnership with the St. James Community Service Society in the mid 1990s to renovate a vacant and derelict heritage building on Burrardview Park for a hospice for terminally ill adults. The Society raised all of the funding for the renovation and continues to operate the Cottage Hospice facility today at no cost to the Park Board. In addition, a meeting room on the lower floor was constructed and is scheduled by the Hastings Community Centre Association for use by the community.

In 1997 a lease for the building was signed providing the Society with an initial 10 year term for a nominal fee with a provision for a 10 year renewal. Staff have received a request from the Society to renew the lease for another 10 years beginning November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2017 under the same terms and conditions.

DISCUSSION

The Cottage Hospice has been an integral part of the community over the last 10 years and cares for 10 residents at a time in a supportive and comfortable home-like environment. The Society has met all of their commitments and has been a responsible tenant. Through the Hastings Community Centre Association many groups have benefited from the ability to access the meeting room local to their neighbourhood.

The option for a second 10 year term is exercised by the Society and as such this report is to inform the Board of their intention. There is no provision for any further extensions. At the end of this 10 year term discussions between the parties on continuing use of the building would occur.

SUMMARY

The St. James Community Service Society has notified staff of their intention to exercise their option on the Cottage Hospice in Burrardview Park for another 10 years, November 1, 2007 to October 31, 2017.

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