

Date: June 23, 2009



TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board
FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Mount Pleasant Family Centre

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board renew the Lease with the Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society for the Robson Park Clubhouse for a term of five years from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2013***
- B. THAT once the form of the lease has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager is authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.***

BACKGROUND

The Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society has operated the Robson Park Clubhouse located at 2910 St. George Street as a Family Services Centre since 1980. The 2100 square foot clubhouse, owned by the Park Board, is a 2 level structure. The main level consists of a lounge, kitchen area and 2 small offices. The second level is a multi purpose room. In 2003, the Board approved a small expansion to the second floor to improve the programming potential at the facility.

The society provides service to children between the ages of 0 - 6 years of age and to their parents/caregivers. The Centre represents a place for families with young children to drop-in, make new friends, learn new skills, and receive support in times of need.

Programs and services consist of:

- free drop in for children 0 - 6 years and their families
- supervised playroom with a variety of toys and play centres
- comfortable space for adults to talk and meet other parents and caregivers
- parent support groups
- information workshops
- culturally sensitive individual and family support
- referrals to community resources

DISCUSSION

The Mount Pleasant Family Centre has been providing quality service to the community for over 29 years. The Park Board has a positive relationship with the organization and staff over the years and programs are coordinated with the recreation staff at Mount Pleasant Community Centre. Furthermore, the Family Centre coordinates services with the local elementary schools, neighbourhood houses, and other child servicing agencies in the local area. The centre has fulfilled its mandate under the existing lease and their programs continue to support children and families in the Mount Pleasant community.

The essential clauses in the lease are as follows:

- a) \$1.00 per year lease fee
- b) Use of the facility
- c) Insurance and indemnification requirements
- d) Society to maintain, repair and pay for operating costs of the facility
- e) Termination clause to cover various situations

SUMMARY

Staff are recommending renewal of the lease for 5 years plus a 5 year option term.

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