



Date: April 19, 2010

TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board

FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT: Lawn Bowling Clubs – Operating Agreement
Renewal**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the Operating Agreements with the Dunbar, West Point Grey, Kerrisdale, Granville Park, Vancouver, Vancouver South and Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Clubs for a further five (5) year term commencing May 18th, 2010.**
- B. THAT once the Operating Agreement has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.**

BACKGROUND

Since 1987, the Board has had operating agreements and a long standing positive relationship with seven Lawn Bowling Clubs who operate these facilities at the following locations:

- West Memorial Park - Dunbar Lawn Bowling Club
- West Point Grey Park - West Point Grey Lawn Bowling Club
- Elm Park - Kerrisdale Lawn Bowling Club
- Granville Park - Granville Park Lawn Bowling Club
- Queen Elizabeth Park - Vancouver Lawn Bowling and Country Club
- Grays Park - Vancouver South Lawn Bowling Club
- Stanley Park - Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

The facilities generally include a Clubhouse and lawn bowling green, along with associated storage sheds and grounds.

The current five (5) year operating agreements with all seven (7) clubs expires on May 17th, 2010.

DISCUSSION

The Lawn Bowling Club representatives have indicated that they want to renew their respective leases for an additional five (5) years from May 18th, 2010 to May 17th, 2015. None of the Clubs have requested any significant changes to the current terms and conditions which are summarized below:

1. Five dollars (\$5) for the five (5) year term, payable in advance.
2. The Club will use the Lands and premises only for the purpose of operating a lawn bowling club.
3. Club is responsible for all regular maintenance for the bowling green and premises, to the satisfaction of the Board; major maintenance requirements may be cost-shared at the Board's option.
4. Club to be aware of Park Board Integrated Pest Management Program and follow its directions.
5. Club is responsible for all utility and service charges related to the bowling green and premises.
6. Club is to arrange for an accredited maintenance inspection of the building every three (3) years, and to provide copies of these reports to the Board.
7. Club is to carry two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in liability insurance coverage.
8. Club is to provide copies of annual financial statements to the Board.
9. Club must comply with the Human Rights Code (British Columbia) with respect to the use and occupation of the premises and membership.
10. Club must comply with the Board's policies on sale and consumption of liquor on Board facilities.
11. Board may cancel the lease at any time upon thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the Club.

SUMMARY

The renewal of these operating agreements with the Lawn Bowling Clubs will enable them to continue providing a valuable recreation service to the public for another five (5) years at minimal cost to the Board.

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