



Date: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**TO: Board Members – Vancouver Park Board**  
**FROM: General Manager – Parks and Recreation**  
**SUBJECT: Kitsilano Yacht Club Operating Agreement Renewal**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*A. THAT the Board approve the renewal of the operating agreement with the Kitsilano Yacht Club for a further five years from May 17, 2012 - May 16, 2017, with three five-year options to be executed by mutual agreement;*

*B. THAT once the agreement has been approved by the Directors of Legal Services and Risk Management, the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board;*

*C. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all.*

## POLICY

The Board approves operating agreements with external parties for facilities located on park property.

## BACKGROUND

The Kitsilano Yacht Club (the Club) was established in 1934 and incorporated under the Societies Act in 1936. The group constructed the existing facility located at 2401 Point Grey Road and maintains and operates the facility at no cost to the Park Board. The affected properties are designated as public park land and consist of two parcels; one between Balsam Street and Trafalgar Street, north of Point Grey Road, and the other being land covered by water to the north of the adjacent property, from the high water mark into English Bay. The facility consists of a main pier with crane, a concrete float, clubhouse buildings, storage lockers and racks.

The Club serves to develop amateur yachting and boat handling skills and to cultivate an appreciation of the waters of British Columbia. It offers opportunities for recreational and competitive sailing and other non-motorized boating activities for its members including; junior lifeguarding, seamanship, navigation, boat safety training and instruction. Boat storage for members is also available. The Club presently has approximately 150 members and membership is open to the public. The Yacht Club's most recent operating agreement with the Park Board expires May 16, 2012.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Kitsilano Yacht Club has requested a renewal of the existing operating agreement. They have observed and performed the covenants under the terms and conditions in their current agreement without issue.

The Club maintains the grounds, clubhouse and pier, which typically cost \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year. Earlier this year, the Club replaced and upgraded the existing float dock and anchor system at a cost of \$75,000. All major repairs are subject to Park Board approval and the necessary permits from all regulatory bodies are required.

The Kitsilano Yacht Club offers learn-to-sail programs which encourage youth to develop an interest in sailing, including the associated technical, social and leadership skills. They also support numerous local groups with access to water-based programming and are involved in hosting sailing regattas through the summer periods. The Club is considered a respectful neighbour and has received the endorsement of the Point Grey Strata Association.

The new operating agreement would cover an initial term from May 17, 2012 to 2017, along with three further five-year extension options, to be available based on mutual agreement.

## **SUMMARY**

The Vancouver Sport Strategy (2008) highlights the importance of access for residents to opportunities for sport and physical activity for all ages and abilities. The recently updated Strategic Plan (2012 – 2017) identifies among the Board's priority directions, "Parks and Recreation for All" and "Excellence in Resource Management". This lease renewal aligns with both of these important Board documents.

The renewal of the operating agreement will enable the Kitsilano Yacht Club to continue to provide popular community-based recreational and competitive sailing, instruction, and other non-motorized boating activities. Staff recommends the Board approve this renewal with an initial five-year term, followed by three additional five-year options to be executed by mutual agreement.

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