



Date: May 29, 2015

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Rowing Club Parking Lot Agreement Renewal

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the Park Board renew the agreement with The Vancouver Rowing Club the operating agreement under similar terms and conditions as the previous agreement for a period of ten years with an option to renew for a further ten year period;
- B. FURTHER THAT the annual use fee is set at \$21,669.10 plus all applicable taxes for the balance of the first term and then with annual increases that reflect the rate of inflation for each of the remaining years of the term;
- C. AND FURTHER THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

POLICY

The Board approves all uses of land in its jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

The Vancouver Rowing Club has occupied its current location since 1911. The club is Vancouver's oldest athletic club, housing rowing, rugby, field hockey and yachting. A non-profit organization made up of volunteers and staff reporting to a board of directors.

The principle function of the club is to promote and encourage amateur sports, thereby to assist, develop and foster community spirit. The Club has teams competing in rugby, field hockey throughout the city, along with an active "Learn to row" program and regattas.

DISCUSSION

The Vancouver Rowing Club has been a tenant of the City of Vancouver since the early 1900's through a sub-lease of two foreshore lots. The sub-lease requires the rowing club to provide 46 parking spaces for use by its members, which the Park Board has been renting to the rowing club since the early 1980's. The Vancouver Rowing Club has requested that the agreement be renewed for a ten year term with an option to renew for a further ten years.

SUMMARY

The Vancouver Rowing Club has been a tenant since 1911 and is required to provide 46 parking stalls for use by its members. They have been good custodians of our parking facility and actively promote Amateur Athletic and recreational access to the people of Vancouver promoting rowing, rugby, field hockey, and yachting.

Staff is recommending that the Park Board approve the proposed renewal of the operating agreement with the Vancouver Rowing Club.

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