

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2020 Apr 08

FROM: DIRECTOR – PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES **FILE:** 2410-20

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL RENT RELIEF FOR SPORTS/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to provide rent relief for the community/sports organizations leasing or renting City facilities during the months City facilities are closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize temporary rent relief for the four sports and community organizations identified in this report that lease or rent City facilities that are currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
2. **THAT** this rent relief be extended for six months or until City facilities re-open, whichever is sooner.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

As part of the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has closed all public facilities, including recreation centres, cultural facilities and golf courses, effective 2020 March 18. Since then, the City has also made the difficult decision to close all playgrounds and sports facilities within City parks, including playing fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball diamonds and lacrosse boxes, as well as public washrooms. The City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has a number of longer term rental contracts with organizations that are now impacted by these closures. The closures of City parks and facilities has prevented these organizations from the full use, of the properties and has prevented them from providing services to their patrons. As a result, rent relief, for the months the City facilities remain closed, is being requested. At this time, it is likely that facility closures will remain in effect for the months of April and May. Therefore, rent relief for April and May is requested for the respective organizations and permission to review rent relief monthly thereafter is requested for up to six months or until the City facilities re-open, whichever date is sooner.

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POLICY CONTEXT

Rent relief during the Covid19 pandemic for these noted leases is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following Goals:

A Healthy Community

Healthy Life

Encourage opportunities for healthy living and well being

A Connected Community

Partnership –

Work collaboratively with businesses, education institutions, associations, other communities and governments

A Dynamic Community

Economic opportunity

RENT RELIEF

There are four organizations that pay a market based form of rent to the City of Burnaby. The following four community and sports organizations are unable to have full use and enjoyment of the City owned space that they rent due to the COVID-19 related closures and safety measures currently in place. To ensure consistency and fairness, it is recommended that all four organizations be provided with rent relief up to six months or until such time they can have full use and enjoyment of the City owned space that they rent, whichever date is sooner.

Lotus Sports Group

Lotus Sports Group, located at the Texaco Building at Barnet Beach, rents Boat Storage and Clubhouse space. The tenant does not have the use and enjoyment of the space during this time and has requested rent relief until such time as they are allowed to fully operate.

Monthly Rent: \$942.00

Rent Relief for Six Months: \$5,652.00

Silent Water Boat Rental

Silent Water Boat Rentals, located at Deer Lake, opens for Easter Weekend and closes until May 1, when they reopen and operate until September. The tenant will not be opening for the Easter Weekend and have requested rent relief until such time they are allowed to open.

Monthly Rent: \$2,400.00

Rent Relief for Six Months: \$14,400.00

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Western Community-Centred College for the Retired

Western Community-Centred College for the Retired is located at 6650 Southoaks Cres. The tenant leases space in Alan Emmott Centre. The tenant has requested rent relief, as they are unable to run their programming, classes have been cancelled, and the office has been closed. Their April rent was cashed and they are requesting a refund in addition to rent relief until such time they are allowed to open.

Monthly Rent: \$779.00

Rent Relief for Six Months: \$4,674.00

Cliff Avenue Soccer Club

This organization does not have full use and enjoyment of the property at this time. However, to date, they have not formally approached us for a rental relief.

Monthly Rent: \$317.50

Rent Relief for Six Months: \$1905.00

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council authorize rent relief for up to six months or until such time respective organizations can have full use and enjoyment of the City owned space that they rent, whichever date is sooner as outlined in this report, as the full use and enjoyment of the properties are not available due to COVID-19 related closures.



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