

ITEM 22

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 46

COUNCIL MEETING July 17/72

22. Re: Letter dated May 29, 1972, from Mr. R. B. Kelleway,
Executive Director, St. Leonard's Society,
Extension of Lease, Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 17, 1972, Council Meeting is a letter from Mr. R.B. Kelleway, Executive Director of the Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society, requesting renewal of a lease involving Municipal property at 6375 Roberts Street. The Society uses the property as a Halfway House for the rehabilitation of ex-criminal offenders.

The original lease was executed on September 1, 1967. It was for a three year term, with provision for subsequent one-year extensions subject to the approval of Council. It was extended in 1970 for one year to September 1, 1971, and in 1971 for one year to September 1, 1972.

The annual rental is \$1.00 payable in advance of the first day of September and the lessee covenants to pay taxes, keep the house in good repair, pay utilities, etc. The Society also agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Municipality from and against all claims brought in any manner based upon the execution of the lease or any consequence thereof.

The Social Service Administrator feels that the Society has an effectively operated rehabilitative program that has been instrumental in providing persons in need of help with counselling and support, as well as the opportunity to prepare for permanent employment opportunities in the community. No discipline or social problems of any kind have ever been brought to the attention of the Municipal Departments. The Social Service Department pays for the client's care during their stay or until work is obtained. The turnover is constant and the Social Service Administrator notes that many rehabilitations have been effected in regard to work placements.

The Planner advises that the property at 6375 Roberts Street will eventually be required by the Municipality as it is located in an area that is projected for Administration-Assembly District Development.

The Planner, Land Agent, Chief Public Health Inspector and Social Service Administrator have reviewed the Society's request for an extension and recommend that it be granted.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT approval be given to extend the subject lease for one year from September 1, 1972 on the same terms and conditions as are written into the existing lease.