

ITEM 27

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 47

COUNCIL MEETING June 25/73

27. Re: Extension of Lease, Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society.
(Letter dated May 5, 1973, from R. B. Kelleway, Executive Director,
Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society, 6375 Roberts Street, Burnaby 2.

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 25, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. R. B. Kelleway, Executive Director, 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, 1970. 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 and in 1972 Council approved extension of the lease for one year to September 1, 1973.

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 states that St. Leonard's management is very co-operative, with frequent discussions taking place between the Society and the Social Service Department for betterment of the Society's program.

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 clients' 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 Social Service Administrator also states that there have been no neighbourhood complaints or concerns, and recommends renewal of the lease.

The Chief Public Health Inspector reports that the subject premises were inspected by his staff on June 15, 1973 and advises that he has no objection to extension of the lease for a period of one year.

The Planning director 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT approval be given to extend the subject lease for one year from September 1, 1973 on the same terms and conditions as are written into the existing lease.