

Re: Extension of Lease, Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society

Attached you will find a copy of a letter dated July 18, 1974 from Oliver, Waldock & Richardson requesting that the lease be renewed for a further period of one year. This lease involves 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 3-year term, with provision for subsequent 1-year extensions subject to the approval of Council. It has been extended since 1970 in 1-year terms and it presently lapses on September 1, 1974.

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

It must be stated that the function of the Group Home at 6375 Roberts Street has been under constant review as to its function by the Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society. In October, 1973, the Society made arrangements with the B.C. Correctional Branch, Fraser Region, in return for a monthly payment to the Society, that they would provide B.C. Correctional Board with residence for five juvenile male clients of the Fraser Region.

This arrangement was reviewed again at the end of March, 1974 and the above arrangement was temporarily terminated. The reason for terminating this program was that it was becoming a long term resource and it was apparent the staffing and program needed to be reformed and more clearly defined. It was also felt the program should be available to children coming to the attention of both the Department of Human Resources and the Probation Department.

The proposed new program which should be in operation in September, 1974, is as follows:

This program will provide short term residential placement for a maximum of eight juveniles between the ages of 13 to 16 inclusive. This resource would be available to the Department of Human Resources, Corrections, Police, Mental Health and other agencies which might have need of it.

It is also proposed that this program be run as a pilot project for one year. The specific objectives of this program are to provide a short term residence for children on an emergency basis:

- for week end placements
- as an alternative to utilizing police lock-ups and the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home
- as an overnight residence for transient children
- to provide temporary accommodation for children where a family crisis situation develops and it is considered that they should be removed from the conflict.

This facility will also provide a short term residence for children awaiting other resource placements such as Browndale, The Maples, House of Concord, etc.

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It will also provide a maximum of three months placement for children:
-for assessment and selection of appropriate resource
-for a period of residence away from the natural home where this is
deemed necessary

This resource is definitely needed to meet the above needs.

The Human Resources 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 July 30, 1974, and advises that he has no objection to extension of the lease for a period of 1 year.

The Director of Planning 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 1 year from September 1, 1974 on the same terms and conditions as are written into the existing lease.

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July 18, 1974.

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Attention of Mr. E. W. Grist, Land Agent

Dear Sirs: Re: St. Leonard's Society, Half-Way
House - 6375 Roberts St., Burnaby.

We understand that the lease to the St. Leonard's Society
on the above premises expires on August 31, 1974.

The St. Leonard's Society has asked that we write to you
requesting that the lease be renewed for a further period
of one year.

It would be appreciated if you would put this request
before the appropriate Municipal authorities and advise us
in due course.

Please express to Mr. Hargreaves the writer's thanks for
his assistance in providing the necessary information to
the writer, who is conveying this application in the
absence of Mr. Waldock who is on vacation.

Yours truly,

OLIVER, WALDOCK & RICHARDSON

Per: 

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