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Re: USE OF FORMER "LOFTUS" HOUSE
 6110 PRICE STREET
 (Item 6, In-Camera Report No. 56, 1977 August 15)

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding proposed alternative uses for a municipally-owned house on Price Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT staff be authorized to seek the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the general public, societies and special interest groups as to desired uses for the former "Loftus" house at 6110 Price Street.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: USE OF FORMER "LOFTUS" HOUSE - 6110 PRICE STREET

Council, on 1977 August 15, authorized the acquisition of the above described property. This transaction has been completed and title conveyed to the Municipality.

Since the acquisition of the property, the Municipal Manager, the Land Agent, the Chief Building Inspector, the Parks and Recreation Administrator and the Director of Planning have considered alternative uses for the house that would meet the long term objectives of Deer Lake Park. These uses have included a restaurant, a classroom and seminar centre, a reception centre similar to the Cecil Green House at U.B.C. and a place to hold special events such as recitals, art shows and so on.

In considering the above uses, it became apparent that considerable modification to the house would be necessary for it to conform to required standards of the National Building Code for those particular uses. Because of this, and the desire of staff to explore in more detail these and other potential uses for the house that would meet the long term objectives of Deer Lake Park, staff considered a series of immediate and interim uses that would not materially alter the condition of the house until such time as a firm decision was reached for an appropriate permanent use.

It was the opinion of staff that the retention of the existing resident caretaker was the most appropriate immediate course of action. Accordingly, the caretaker, on 1977 November 13, agreed

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to remain as caretaker for a minimum of six months, after which time the agreement can be terminated by either party on one month's notice.

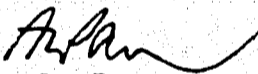
The Land Agent is continuing to explore the option of leasing the house to a suitable residential tenant as an interim use if the circumstances so dictate.

Although ownership of the house has not yet been assumed by the Parks and Recreation Department, staff is desirous of providing the Parks and Recreation Commission, the general public, societies, and special interest groups with an opportunity to express their views and desires as to potential uses for the former "Loftus" house. These comments will then be combined with a staff report for submission to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

THAT staff be authorized to seek the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the general public, societies, and special interest groups as to desired uses for the former "Loftus" house at 6110 Price Street.


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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

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cc Chief Building Inspector
Land Agent
Parks and Recreation
Administrator