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Meeting..... 2011 May 30

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2011 May 25

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

**SUBJECT: LICENCE AGREEMENT OF CITY LAND AT 7681 CRAIG AVENUE
LOT 1, DISTRICT LOT 1, GROUP 1, N.W. D., PLAN 22608**

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority to renew the licence agreement of 7681 Craig Avenue to the Sapperton Fish and Game Club.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the lease of 7681 Craig Avenue to the Sapperton Fish and Game Club under the terms and conditions outlined in this report.

REPORT

The Sapperton Fish and Game club first licenced this land from the city in July 1995 in order that the Club could build a fish hatchery onsite to enhance salmon returns to the Brunette River. This location is special because an artesian well arises at the rear of the property and provides excellent quality water for fish rearing. The hatchery was built through casino grant funding and volunteer labour and has operated since 1997.

Over the past 15 years the 150 member club has released about one quarter of a million coho salmon fry from the hatchery to the Brunette River watershed. The hatchery is a popular tour destination in March and April for elementary school children participating in the "Salmon in the Classroom" program sponsored by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The club will be releasing approximately 27,000 coho salmon fry to the Brunette River this year and hosted the Great Salmon Send-off celebration on May 7th, 2011 at the Stoney Creek Community School.

The original licence agreement ran from July 1st, 1995 through June 30th, 2000; the second renewal ran from July 1st, 2000 through June 30th, 2005 and the last renewal ran from July 1st, 2005 through June 30th, 2010. A nominal fee was paid for each five year term. The Club President indicated that it was an oversight that the organization failed to request approval for a new five year term last Spring and he wants to assure Council that the Club values this Licence Agreement and the opportunity to continue its stewardship efforts, enhancing salmon resources and providing environmental educational opportunities.

The subject property is zoned P3 Park and Public Use District which allows the requested use. The Planning Department has offered its support to this request. Some photos of the hatchery are attached.

It is proposed that Council authorize the issuance of a renewed licence to the Sapperton Fish and Game Club to occupy 7681 Craig Avenue for a period of 5 years for the sum of \$1.00 per year for the purpose outlined in this report.

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DIRECTOR FINANCE

Attachment - photos

Copied to: Director Planning & Building
City Solicitor

