



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **September 7, 2021**

Subject: **Report CSRS21-004**
Relocation of the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club

Purpose

To advise Council of the revised agreement with the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club and their new location adjacent to the Beavermead Beach in response to the sale of the Johnson Park property.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS21-004, dated September 7, 2021, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

That the report of the Commissioner of Community Services be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The current agreement requires a yearly payment of \$1,100 (\$220 per month) for the use of the Johnson Park location. The fee for the 2021 season has been waived to assist the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club to move its two storage containers and temporary dock from their current location in Johnson Park to the new location at Beavermead Park. The new agreement provides for the opportunity for additional moving costs above the \$1,100 amount up to a maximum \$4000 to be reimbursed to the Club in order to ensure vacant possessions of the Johnson Park lands to the new owner.

Background

In 2017, Council approved the recommendation of report CSRS17-009, dated December 4, 2017, that the Johnson Park property be approved as the site to accommodate the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club's instructional canoe and kayak programming for a term of the 2018 and 2019 operating seasons.

In 2019, Council approved the recommendations of report CSRS19-008, dated November 4, 2019, that the license agreement between the City and the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club be extended and continue to operate at the Johnson Park location until October 31, 2024 at a monthly rate of \$220 plus HST.

In 2021, Council approved the sale of the Johnson Park property to the Peterborough Canoe Museum. As a result, city staff and the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club have jointly worked on a relocation plan from Johnson Park to a new location to continue instructional canoe and kayak programming for the term ending October 31, 2024. These discussions included a review of all available city owned waterfront property options.

Proposed suitable locations were reviewed between City staff and the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club with the following site needs based on the amenities currently found at their location at Johnson Park: safe and easy access to the water; clear sight lines to supervise practices; and calm water without excessive current to ensure safety of participants. A location in a wooded area, adjacent to Beavermead Beach met the above-mentioned criteria to maintain safety and ease of access to the water. The proposed location is shown on Appendix A. The club's use of the site would include two metal storage containers which allow their boats to be stored within close proximity to the water and a small temporary dock. The wooded area will allow for some buffering of views of the storage containers from the remainder of the park.

Through its delegated authority, the Lease Committee has approved of a license agreement with the Canoe and Kayak Club for the new location to expire October 31, 2024 which is the same expiry date as the existing agreement. The approval of this license agreement provides further assurance that the City will be able to provide vacant possession to the new owner of the Johnson Park property and ensures that the Canoe and Kayak Club will only need to make one move of their equipment, storage containers and dock to a new location. It is being brought to the attention of Council through this report to ensure Council is aware of the outcome of this agreement and negotiations with the Canoe and Kayak Club as a result of the sale of the Johnson Park property.

The Canoe and Kayak Club have expressed interest in continuing the agreement beyond the current term ending October 31, 2024 which would include a review of locations suitable for a permanent structure to be constructed. Staff intend to continue to work with the Club to find a permanent location that meets their needs.

Summary

The new license agreement provides a suitable relocation option for the Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club to relocate at the end of the 2021 season and continue operations starting in 2022 through to October, 2024. The new location would be at Beavermead Park which has the necessary site elements that the Club needs to operate their programs.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A: Map of new Canoe and Kayak Club location at Beavermead Park

Appendix A – Proposed Location in Beavermead Park

Peterborough Canoe & Kayak Club

New
Location
Request

