
Licence Agreement Renewal – Saskatoon Water Ski Club

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the extension to the lease agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatoon Water Ski Club, in accordance with the terms set out in this report, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate agreement under the Corporate Seal.

Topic and Purpose

This report provides an overview of the terms of a licence agreement renewal with the Saskatoon Water Ski Club, providing a five-year extension, with three renewal options, each for an additional five-year term.

Report Highlights

1. This report requests approval of a year-round licence agreement between the Saskatoon Water Ski Club (Water Ski Club) and the City of Saskatoon (City), for a five-year term, with the option for an additional three, five-year terms.

Strategic Goal

Under the Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, the recommendations of this report support the long-term strategy of ensuring that existing, and future, leisure centres, as well as other recreational facilities are accessible, physically and financially, and meet community needs.

Background

The Water Ski Club has been operating at the North Industrial Pond (North Pond) located south of 58th Street in the Hudson Bay Industrial Area for over 25 years. The most recent agreement, which expired September 30, 2017, allowed the Water Ski Club to provide water skiing, wakeboarding and other water sport training and competition activities for its members throughout the months of May to September.

In 2015, the Water Ski Club submitted a proposal to make significant improvements to the site, including improvements to the pond, which were completed in 2016. In 2017, and continuing through 2018, the parties entered into discussions for a renewal which included a proposal by the Water Ski Club to construct a new clubhouse, which will meet the future needs of its members. The new clubhouse will include washrooms and change rooms suitable for both able-bodied and adaptive athletes. It will be built such that it can be removed in the future if required. Administration is currently working with

the Water Ski Club to review and provide approval for this project. Through this request, the Water Ski Club has requested to move from a seasonal term to a year-round agreement. As the Water Ski Club has been a long standing partner with the City, Administration is in agreement with this request.

The new agreement, if approved, would include terms to permit the further exploration of these improvements, which would be made at the expense of the Water Ski Club.

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Terms of Agreement

Key terms of the Lease Agreement include:

1. The City agrees to allow the Water Ski Club to use the North Pond for five years, with the option of three additional, five-year terms, for the purpose of providing water skiing, wakeboarding and other water sport training and competition activities to its members.
2. The Water Ski Club would be responsible for the operation, all utilities, maintenance, and repair of the facility, including the clubhouse, boathouse, judging towers, storage facilities, and parking lot. This includes, but is not limited to, summer and winter maintenance.
3. All improvements and renovations shall be at the expense of the Water Ski Club and require written consent of the City.
4. A restoration fund would be created and held in trust by the City until the term of the agreement has expired. The fund would be used to remove any building from the land and restore it to a vacant state.
5. The Water Ski Club shall use its best efforts to restrict use of the North Pond and the installations to its members only.
6. The Water Ski Club is responsible to maintain the land in a clean, sanitary and safe condition during the term.
7. The Water Ski Club acknowledges the pond's primary purpose is for storm water management, and that the purpose cannot be compromised by any alterations to the pond.
8. The Water Ski Club, or event organizers acting with the consent of the Water Ski Club, would need to make an application to the Community Services Department for permission to hold special events at or around the North Pond.

Options to the Recommendation

An option would be to not approve the Licence Agreement or the terms of the Licence Agreement as outlined in this report. In this case, the Water Ski Club would need to find a new location to provide water skiing, wakeboarding and other water sport training and competition activities to its members.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

The Water Ski Club has been involved in the process of drafting the terms and is in agreement to all terms and conditions.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, financial, environmental, privacy or CPTED implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

No follow up is required at this time.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Report Approval

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