



EXHIBITION PLACE

October 7, 2000

TO: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place

FROM: Kathryn Reed-Garrett, Director of Business Development

SUBJECT: The Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame Building

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the current agreement with the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame for use of exhibit space in the Halls of Fame building be extended for one year, to December 31 2001, on the terms and conditions recommended in this report which terms are similar to those in the 2000 Agreement and such other terms as required by the City Solicitor.

Background:

At its meeting in November 1999 the Board approved of the terms of a one-year agreement with the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame with respect to use of its year-round office space in the Halls of Fame Building. This agreement expires on December 31, 2000.

Discussion:

The Canadian Sports Hall of Fame has been operating in exhibit space located in the Halls of Fame, plus access to the lobby, theatre and public washroom. The Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit organization which honors Canadian athletes in all sport fields and its exhibit is open to the public at no charge on a year-round basis including a exhibition during the period of the annual CNE which is complementary to that event. In addition, to the permanent exhibit, the other major undertaking by the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame is an annual banquet inducting members to the Hall of Fame.

Since the location of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame on the grounds in 1978, the Board has provided a grant to this organization within the Exhibition Place Annual Operating Budget. In 2000, this grant was in the amount of \$84,750. In preparation for submission of the 2001 Operating Budget, staff have requested that the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame submit to the Board a grant application in a format similar to that required by the City of Toronto.

The Canadian Sports Hall of Fame have over the last few years been in the process of negotiating a long-term lease with the Federal government for relocation of the Hall of Fame to the former Railway Building in Ottawa. It has also been carrying on a formal fundraising to raise the necessary capital dollars required to renovate and mount an exhibit in the new Ottawa venue. While the long-term plan is to relocate the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, it is unlikely that these negotiations and fundraising will be completed before the end of 2001.

The present lease between the Board and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame expires December 31, 2000 and it wishes to renew the lease with the Board for a period of one year upon the same terms and conditions as its present lease agreement. The substantial terms of this agreement are as follows:

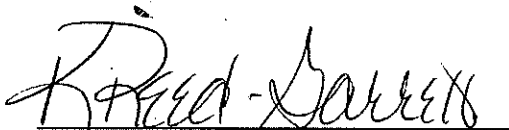
- (a) Term: One year commencing January 1, 2001.
- (b) Rent: One dollar per annum plus payment of all utility costs, any other associated occupancy costs;
- (c) Permitted Uses: Exhibition space connected with the objects of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame;
- (d) Insurance: Property and liability insurance with limits of \$2 million in form satisfactory to City.

In addition, to the above noted terms, staff are recommending that the Board request that the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame use all commercial best efforts to use Exhibition Place as its venue for the 2001 induction banquet. While staff have had discussions with the General Manager of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame on moving the annual banquet to the NTC and have set up meetings with the Hall of Fame and the Board's caterer, these discussions have not been successful to date.


Conclusion:

This report recommends extending the current agreement with the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame for a period of one year, to expire on December 31, 2001 on the terms and conditions set out and such other terms required by the City Solicitor.

Submitted by:


Director of Business Development

Reviewed by:


General Manager & CEO