



# Corporate Report

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: December 7, 2005

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0930-30  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: Lease of City Land at 6330 - 152 Street  
(Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society)

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## RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the modification of the lease of City land at 6330 - 152 Street to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society to increase the renewal term from two years to five years.

## BACKGROUND

The vacant  $\pm 1.3$  acre City-owned property at 6330 - 152 Street was purchased by the City in January 2002 for future expansion of Sullivan Park. The property was leased to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society (FVHRS) in 2003 for a three year term with a two year renewal period. The FVHRS is a non-profit society established to reactivate the British Columbia Electric Railway (BCER) interurban railway line.

## DISCUSSION

The FVHRS has an active grant application with the BC Gaming Authority to assist with the construction of a  $\pm 1,280$  ft.<sup>2</sup> workshop and materials storage area to be constructed as an addition to the east side of the existing railcar building (see Appendix II). In order to consider this grant application, the BC Gaming Authority requires that the FVHRS secure a longer tenure at their current location. The existing lease expires in July 2006 and has a two year renewal term. The BC Gaming Authority has requested that this renewal term be increased from two to five years.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has reviewed this request and approves of the renewal extension, as there are no short term plans to incorporate the subject lands into Sullivan Park.

## CONCLUSION

The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society currently leases land from the City at 6330 - 152 Street. The lease is for a three year term expiring in July 2006, with a two year renewal period. The FVHRS has recently applied for a grant to the BC Gaming Authority to assist in the construction of a workshop addition to their existing building. In order for the Gaming Authority to consider the grant application from the FVHRS, the existing lease renewal term must be increased from two years to five years. As there are no plans to incorporate the subject lands into the adjoining Sullivan Park, it is recommended that Council approve the lease modification to allow for the extended renewal period.

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## Appendices

- I. Aerial Photograph of Site
- II. Site Layout Showing Proposed Workshop/Storage Addition