



# City of Prince Albert

**RPT 2025-153**

**TITLE:** Prince Albert Drifters Rowing Club Agreement

**DATE:** March 23, 2025

**TO:** City Council

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Lease Agreement between the Prince Albert Drifters Rowing Club Inc. and the City of Prince Albert be approved for a five (5) year term from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2030; and,
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In 1990, the Prince Albert Drifters Rowing Club and the Prince Albert Sports Council constructed the building known today as the "Boat House" located at 800 River Street West. This Boat House building has been the home of the Rowing Club as well as the Racing Canoe and Kayak Club which they had collectively owned until 2005. That year, the clubs decided to donate the building to the City in lieu of paying taxes and then entered a new (5) five-year Lease Agreement for use of the building. The Clubs continued to operate out of the building until 2013 at which time the Racing Canoe and Kayak Clubs dissolved with the Rowing Club starting up operations again in 2015. It was at this time that the Drifters Rowing Club and the City entered a five (5) Agreement for the Boat House. That Lease Agreement will be expiring April 30, 2025, with a desire by the club to continue forward with a new five (5) year Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Prince Albert and District Rowing Club has a long history in our province. The Saskatchewan Rowing Association (SRA) was established in October of 1973. The goals of the SRA are to foster, coordinate, and encourage participation in the sport of rowing in this province. Rowing brings out the best qualities of human nature. Qualities such as self discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and respect for others are lessons that can be learned from the involvement in rowing. These values promote self confidence and self esteem and naturally influence the personal and professional life of any participant.

The Prince Albert Drifters Club operates under the governing body of SRA which is the only governing body for rowing in the province recognized by the Provincial Government, SaskSport Inc. and Rowing Canada Aviron.

Throughout the summer months the club offers different events such as the 'learn to row' fun day, which includes up to a 3-hour training session for those interested. They as well collaborate closely with the local schools to offer rowing youth camps as well as open houses to the community allowing people to come out and inquire about the sport and how they can get involved.

## **PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

The Prince Albert Drifters Club are long standing members of the Prince Albert and area community and offer up a unique experience on the water with expert instructors and enthusiastic volunteers.

The proposed agreement is, attached to the report with the term and conditions included below:

### **City's Obligations**

1. The City will remain the owner of the land and building.
2. The Rowing Club will be allowed to peacefully enjoy the land and building for the term approved.

### **Club's Obligations**

1. The Club is to be responsible for all utility costs (SaskPower and Building Security Monitoring System).
2. The Club is to be responsible for all maintenance of the land including snow removal off the paths.
3. The Club must receive written approval from the City for any fencing or signage it wishes to install.
4. The Club is to be responsible for repairs to all interior and exterior structural components.
5. The Club is to be responsible for all damages caused by its members and invited guests.
6. The Club must receive written approval from the City for any alterations or changes to the building made.
7. The Club is to maintain Public Liability coverage in the amount of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) as well as listing the city as an additional insured party.

## **North Saskatchewan River Ramp License**

1. The City will provide the Club with a license for the control and management of the existing ramp area on the edge of the North Saskatchewan River.
2. The license shall not be exclusive to only the Club as the City may grant permission to other groups for use of the existing ramp area.
3. The Club will not permit anyone else to use the ramp area that may cause damage or that is not affiliated with the Club.
4. The Club will notify the city should any part of the ramp become a hazard or danger.

### **CONSULTATIONS:**

The Rowing Club has reviewed the proposed agreement to ensure the terms of the agreement met their expectations prior to the final approval from members of City Council.

### **COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:**

The Rowing Club will be notified once the agreement is approved by City Council and the execution process of the agreement is to begin.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no budget or financial implications regarding the use of the Boat House. The City has had a long-standing relationship with the Club utilizing the facility, caring for it and being responsible for the utilities and security monitoring of the building.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no policy, privacy, legal safety, or environmental implications.

### **OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:**

There are no options to the Recommendation.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The new Agreement aligns with the Strategic Goal of Promoting a Progressive Community. The Rowing Club assists the City in providing unique quality services that meet the needs of our growing and diverse community.

### **OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:**

The objectives of the Agreement are in line with the Official Community Plan implementation strategy of collaborating with partners and community groups to capitalize the use of active recreation spaces.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Prince Albert 2025 Rowing Club Agreement

**Written by:** Timothy Yeaman, Parks and Open Spaces Manager

**Approved by:** Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture and City Manager