



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday June 14, 2016

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa (City staff), Donna Marsland, Stu Corrigan, Ivan Wong, Jared Hulme, Serj Sangara, Sanjeet Sadana, Mike Fletcher, Matt Eng, Barb Norman, Tanya Donaldson, Noleen Mueller, Warren Kasgaard, Kevin Coles, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: John Braaten, Mike Thorne, Kathleen Wong.

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Approval of May 2016 minutes – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil.

3. **Socialsport presentation**

Estello Hill and Kylan Gibbs provided an overview of their non profit society to promote the engagement of new youth into the community via pre existing sports and recreation programs. Reference was made to the 25,000 refugees coming into Canada each year with over 60% under the age of 18 years. The goal of Socialsport was to build a more cohesive community with the integration of the new youth.

Socialsport would help with young people getting registered for programs and would work to support their progress in three steps:

- Identify youth who would benefit
- Work with them to find the right sport
- Monitoring and assessment of integration

Estello and Kylan explained that they work with multiple organizations and immigrant settlement organizations to assist youth. More information is available as follows:

Our website is: www.socialsport.ca

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Following a question and answer period, Jim thanked Socialsport for their presentation.

4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty referred to the recent approval by Council of the addition of Masters category to the Wall of Fame criteria.

Councillor McNulty continued by detailing Council support for sustainable food services at all City events which at the moment stands at 70% and encouraged everyone to participate in this practice. More information was available on the City web site. Sanjeet enquired about vending machines in community centres and was reassured that healthy options were also available.

Details of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program fund supplied by Councillor McNulty with the City of Richmond requesting nearly \$3 million from this grant as follows:

The city has identified 10 projects that meet the funding criteria priorities, namely that they be recreational facilities, and are energy efficient. As well, the projects must be aimed at renovation or expansion of existing infrastructure, be community-oriented, non-commercial in nature and open to the public.

Up to 50 per cent of total costs or a maximum of \$500,000 per project may be granted by the federal government, as it has earmarked \$46 million for Western Canada for projects to be completed by March 2018.

For example, the city is asking money for two projects at the Richmond Olympic Oval. One is a sports field upgrade at the front of the Oval. The city is seeking to install an artificial turf for uses such as soccer and field hockey. The other project is to improve the indoor track. The city wants to glue the track down to the concrete floor for better stability.

If the city doesn't get money for any particular project, it doesn't mean it won't be completed. In fact, all of the projects have funding approvals from the city in 2015 or 2016.

The city is also seeking money to repair Steveston Pool. According to a staff report late last month, the pool will take 8-10 weeks to fix, temporarily. The pool's fibreglass lining has failed and will cost \$450,000 to fix.

Projects include:

(South Arm Community Centre – Renovations to fitness centre and roof replacement. (Fall 2017/\$1.1 million)

Steveston Pool Lining Repair – Relining the pool and washroom upgrades. (Summer 2017/\$450,000)

Middle Arm Hollybridge Pier – A planned 500-square metre landmark pier south of the Dinsmore Bridge, paid in part by development. (Fall 2017/\$1.9 million)

Railway Greenway Trail Extension – Expansion of the Greenway from Westminster Highway to River Road — a 4-metre-wide paved path. (Fall 2017/\$440,000)

Track Zone improvements at the Oval – Performance upgrades for the indoor track. (January 2018/\$252,000)

Brighouse Park Fieldhouse – Roof and observation deck maintenance. (Spring 2017/\$250,000)

Lang Park Redevelopment – Construction of a new interactive water feature. (December 2017/\$1.2 million)

Facility Energy Management Program – Various energy system upgrades to civic facilities to lower carbon emissions. Includes \$150,000 solar panel installation for Richmond City Hall. (December 2017/\$653,000)

Sports Field Upgrade at the Oval – A new artificial turf and other amenity upgrades (lighting and fencing). (Summer 2017/\$500,000)

Solar Panels at Brighouse Firehall No. 1 – Solar panels for Brighouse Firehall No. 1. The panels are expected to provide the station with one-third of its electricity needs. (December 2017/\$500,000)

Councillor McNulty encouraged sports groups to submit grants for the Richmond 150 Community Services Grants with application forms being available at community centres or on the City web site. Funding was available for the period Jan thru December 2017.

Jim enquired about the new artificial turf field being planned for the Oval and whether this would be available to the general public for rental or would it be just for members. Councillor McNulty responded that the Oval was run by the Oval Board and Gregg explained that the artificial turf was one zone only, not a field and would be available for training for multiple sports and would definitely not be a soccer pitch. Gregg added that the Oval Plaza sand courts are available for drop ins as well as rental at \$10 per hour and the new artificial turf zone will also be accessible the same as the sand courts.

Bob challenged the submission by the City for the Oval and Councillor McNulty responded that the projects submitted fit the guidelines and these funds were not available for public facilities.

Jim enquired about the Wall of Fame Committee not being allowed to go direct to Council as it was set up this way; instead the Committee now have to go through staff via the Parks and

Recreation Committee. Councillor McNulty responded that this was a City Wall of Fame and this decision was made by the majority of Council members. Gregg pointed out that the Wall of Fame Committee had 5 voting members appointed by Sports Council. Jim expressed his dissatisfaction and commented that the ground rules seem to change under the Oval Corporation.

5. **Staff Update**

Gregg confirmed that Richmond Gymnastics and the Rod and Gun Club were preparing for their move into the new facility at 7400 River Road by the end of June. Jim suggested that the next Sports Council meeting be held at this new facility and Gregg committed to looking into this request.

Gregg commented on a very busy month eg. Richmond Tennis, Richmond City baseball, Kajaks, Lacrosse and Field Hockey. Next month is the Nations Cup at Hugh Boyd and the Dolphin Park Classic at South Arm.

6. **Minoru Park Update**

Gregg confirmed that the 110,000 sq.ft complex foundation had been completed and the walls are now being formed.

7. **Wall of Fame**

Bob stated that following the approval of the Masters category, the committee will be submitting a list of 17 names to Mayor and Council. The induction ceremony will probably be held in the fall.

8. **Discover Your Sport** – no update.

9. **Sport Hosting**

Matt reported as follows:

Grants: Intake #3: August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017. Closes June 30.

Darts Nationals- at the Curling Club until June 18

Fencing Provincials- June 17-19 at Dynamo

WC Rugby World Cup- June 24-26

RCC Futures June 18-26

Baden Cup- U13 Girls Provincial Camp July 2-4

BC Hockey U16/U18 Off Ice Training July 7-10

Senior Softball Provincials July 8-10

Bob enquired as to the status of the \$100,000 and Matt responded that grants were awarded 4 times per year at \$25,000 and the budget was on target and funds available for applications.

Discussion followed on 50 hotel rooms have to be used in order to qualify for these grants which presented a challenge to many sports due to expense of the rooms especially in the summer time.

10. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob confirmed that the committee will be meeting with the hotel to book a date for 2017.

11. **Sports Awards**

Terry stated that attendees were low for this event. The total cost was \$2500 and following deduction of expenses there would be a loss of \$250.

12. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and statistics and noted that 137 applications had been received this year to date, more than any other years past. The grant is now \$500. Bob continued by reviewing the information circulated in detail.

13. **Trust Fund** – no report.

14. **Concussion Symposium**

Stu stated that he was in discussion with the City to hold a community wide symposium on concussion in partnership with Richmond Sports Council. The event to be held in Council Chambers at a date yet to be determined. More information to follow via e.mail.

15. **Correspondence**

Nora referred to the letter of congratulations from Linda Reid for her Award of Distinction at the Sports Awards function. Nora continued by expressing her delight as being recognized in this way and thanked everyone for the honor.

Jim referred to the information circulated on Gaming grants and the New Societies Act.

16. **Round Table and New Business**

Bob:

- Referred to his attendance at the Curling Club Darts Tournament and the competitors wearing of colourful shirts and the culture of smoking and drinking and having a great time!

Mike:

- Presentation to Council in October 2014 with regard to potential New Club House at Hugh Boyd and support given for this initiative. Moving forward now the design was completed in March 2016 and since then the committee has been waiting to present a report and update

to the Parks and Recreation Committee but no date has yet been forthcoming. Gregg committed on following up with Serena Lusk in this regard

Serj:

- The **“Just Play Ball”** program has been going along nicely at Latrace, but **has been very strong at King George Park and has been greatly supported by parents, area schools, neighbourhood sponsors, etc.**
- With that, **a decision has been made to forgo the sessions at Latrace, and to really concentrate on bringing the sport to the East Richmond area once again.....To the point we’ll begin efforts to offer a Little League program tied in with South Van Little League.** (They play out of the Knight and 41st area of Van and have offered to inter-lock with any teams we can develop going forward.)
- We understand there will be many hurdles - not the least of which will be to **get a proper diamond with storage facilities - but with the support being offered by others, we believe we can bring this to fruition in the near future.**
- As part of that, **we’ve asked City Staff to keep us in the loop for any discussions that take place with existing facilities that may come available for that age group. (4-12 years old)**... I had asked in general, but I mentioned that I had heard of the possibility that the **Palmer diamonds may be under review at some point**....(Though our preference would be to stay on the North East or North West part of Richmond).
- Very hopeful that our existing program may be a **good fit with tonight’s guests (Social Sport)** and look forward to hearing from them in the future.
- **-For KidSport, Roy Kanda and his group were once again putting on the “5C GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER”- AUG 12th at Guildford** and JarEd mentioned he would forward the info to our RSC group once again.
- **Stew Wilson**, East Richmond resident at one point, long time Richmond Baseball coach and pitching legend, had passed away on the weekend.

Matt:

- BC Boys High School Championship in Abbotsford
- Oval Indoor Golf demo
- Olympic support in Rio
- It was an 18th birthday Diego San Pedro will never forget. The Grade 12 Steveston-London Secondary student spent his big day as BC High School Champion following the B.C. AAA Secondary Schools Golf Championships

Terry:

- Registration began in June for football
- Terry has a personal challenge a Dragon Boat participant!

Kevin:

- Cosom hockey, new to Sports Council
- Established in 1979 and is Co-Ed with season being Oct thru end of February
- Tournament first week in March in Burnaby

Tanya:

- Richmond Tennis Open with 450 participating over 10 days, lots of challenges with rain
- Resurfacing of courts resulted in challenges
- Ongoing issue with parking, not able to turn around
- Ball team issue plus BBQ issue right next to courts

Tony:

- Table Tennis – two tournaments North America Cup June 24th and Junior Championship to be held June 25 thru June 30 both to be held in Sports Centre in Burnaby
- David Lee from Steveston/London was BC High School champion and selected to Canadian Junior Team

Don:

- Great 2016 Canadian Open for Darts
- Rentals all summer
- Late September and early October clinics and opening of season
- Treasurer's Report – payables up to date and balance in account \$1188.25

Barb:

- Painting in Arena
- Shutdown of stadium for a week for repairs
- Programs up and running
- Registration for summer camps very popular
- Lacrosse and lots of tournaments in May and June

Noleen:

- Move taking place June 24 and 25 into 7400 River Road
- Site tour held for members, amazing great facility
- Personal thank you to Gregg Wheeler
- July and August will be slow start
- Full capacity by September for tournaments

Ivan:

- Lawn Bowling two lady members won gold in Bowling Championship
- 2 male members took part in Provincial Championship and won bronze

Kathleen: (absent but sent in report via Nora);

- FIELD HOCKEY BC U13 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Hosted by Richmond Field Hockey Club was held on June 4 & 5, with 255 players from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Weather was great! Tents were set up and families stayed all day
- Same concern arises; baseball game with three fly balls from the Lattrice field, one missing a bystander and the other hitting the black post at the bleachers where families were sitting watching the field hockey game

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- City of Richmond staff were very helpful so thank you to Greg, Sammy and the team
- All the Club's were very impressed with our Richmond Sports pavilion as there was lots of action at Minoru (cricket, baseball, tennis, and the track).
- -End of Junior Season (June 20); Women's League starts up in September

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 8.55 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: July 12, 2016