

## **RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL**

**September 8, 2009  
7:00 pm  
Richmond City Hall  
Meeting Room M.2.004**

Present: Jim Lamond, Roger Barnes, Donna Marsland, Gary Gosval, Peter Mitchell,  
Bob Jackson, Serj Sangara, Terry Kehoe, Willie Wu, Pat Weatherhill,  
Mark Saigai, Roger Watts, Fred Pawluk, Warren Kaarsgard, Paul Morizawa

1. Call to order 7 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from July 14, 2009 meeting approved (Pat/Donna) Carried.
4. Business arising from minutes – none.
5. Facilities – no updates
6. Seniors Games – Jim provided an update with only 8 days to go. Executive Director of the Singapore Sports Council would like to attend the Games also, a UK group has requested a tour of the Oval during the Games. Roger reported that 3689 athletes had registered to date including a 95 yr old lady snooker player and a 90 year old who would be competing in 7 track and field events. It was noted that the Seniors Games are 50% bigger than the Olympics.
7. Sport Hosting – City are in the process of recruiting a Sports Hosting Manager which will be a staff position and the target was September/October but this may have to be revised. Roger noted that the funding was from the hotel room tax via Tourism Richmond however, with the introduction of HST, the regular hotel tax has been disbanded. However, the 2% hotel room tax has been extended to 2011. It was noted that Sports Hosting had been transferred to the newly formed Community Services Department headed by Cathy Carlile.
8. Kidsport – Seafair are in the process of donating \$1000 to Kidsport. Rmd Minor Hockey sponsored 6 kids with full sets of equipment. Application submitted to Jimmy Ng Tournament and \$1100 received from the Sports Awards Dinner. Grant application will be submitted to the City prior to the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Again, there are more applications that funds available.
9. Trust Fund – no report.

10.. Correspondence – Letter received from Softball BC on coaching clinics – circulated for information. Congratulations to Roger on the recent Rmd Youth Soccer Tournament. Request from Baseball re field availability and it was confirmed that field would be available after 6 pm following the conclusion of the archery event.

11. Round Table:

- Jimmy Ng Tournament – Kidsport application will be considered by Rotary Club
- Canadian National Boys Championship went very well, thanks to Baseball for sharing their field and to the City for preparing Latrace to National standards
- Serj commented on the sports council members working well together . Three kids in Midget National Team and won a bronze medal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Latrace field in great shape. Due to rain the kids spent two hours in the underground parking lot at the Oval and then had a tour and played 2 on 2 basketball, it make the kids feel special and thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the Oval. 7 teams playing fall ball. Seniors Games is awesome and wished everyone well.
- Bob stated that high school sports have been cut by the government, however, local sports will continue. It was confirmed that the school representative would be John Acob.
- Fred commented on the 8 km Rmd Oval race, the Oval Plaza use, thanks to the City and the outdoor awards ceremony
- Warren enquired about the south end fence – Sammy to follow up with Warren
- Terry asked if anyone knew someone who would be interested in the BC Registrar position to please let him know as this vacancy needed to be filled. Duties would entail a once a month meeting plus regular spreadsheet updating
- Minor Football – 10 week season. Hosting Navy championships.
- Roger stated that the Aquatics Board had not met over the summer and therefore, nothing to report at present
- Lawn Bowling – a great season and due to the Federal Government Infrastructure grant, they may have a new artificial turf for next year.
- Gary confirmed that they were waiting for gaming funds and as they had a 3 year contract they were not sure how much they would receive. Quotes received for batting cage roof at London. Specs to be re-looked at by City Engineers, Sammy to follow up

Jim concluded the meeting by confirming that a request had been received by the Ron White representing the Arts Council to join Sports Council so that they could access the Government Gaming Revenue funding. Jim requested members to give some thought to this and a decision would be made at the October meeting.

No further business – meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary.

**Next Meeting:            Tuesday October 13, 2009 at 7 pm**