



**Minoru Sports Pavilion  
7191 Granville Avenue  
Richmond, BC V6Y 1N9**

**Tuesday December 14, 2010**

Present: Jim Lamond(Chair), Ivan Wong, Peter Mitchell, Fred Pawluk, Pat Weatherill, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Paul Alexander, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Donna Marsland, Gary Rosval. Serj Sangara, Warren Karsgaard, Rob Parmar, Don Fisher, Michael Crawford, Don Fennell, Councillor Bill McNulty. Eric Stepura, (City staff)

Regrets: Roger Barnes, Lance Carey

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

1. Approval of November 9, 2010 minutes –Ivan Wong/ Barb Norman /Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Jim made reference to the visit of John Yap MLA and the Baseball gaming fund application which had been rejected and Mr. Yap's recommendation to appeal the decision. A letter has been received from the government stating that there is no appeal and this has been forwarded to Mr Yap's office.

**Guests: Gerry DeCicco introduced himself and Danielle Hume** and the plans were to bring Oval staff to the meetings to provide updates. Gerry stated that 4 of the 6 wood floors are being resprayed. Holiday hours would be open every day except Christmas Day with Christmas Eve closure at 12 noon and New Year Eve closure at 6 pm.

Kajaks and BC Athletics will be hosting their first track event in March 2011. Meetings have taken place with representatives from Richmond Youth Soccer to develop a program criteria for 8 to 11 yrs old. It was noted that all of these programs support the Sport for Life Strategy. Serj expressed his gratitude to Danielle for her great customer service.

Gerry asked Eric to provide an update on Winterfest which is scheduled for Feb 12-13,2011 and to be held at the Richmond Oval. Eric referred to the information he had circulated via e.mail and stressed the opportunity for sports and arts groups to showcase their activities. Application forms were circulated and Eric encouraged everyone to participate. A map was also circulated with booth information and suggestion that sports groups promote their sport via a video, a raffle and hands on activities. The deadline for applications for a booth is December 20, 2010 as there was a need to determine space requirements within the Oval.

The question of parking arose and Eric confirmed that Sections A and B in the underground parking at the Oval were for members only as fitness will still be going on during Winterfest. There will be a Friday evening set up and alternative parking sites are being looked into, however, the public would be encouraged to take transit and a possible shuttle service from the Works Yard was also being looked into. Eric reminded everyone to request the number of parking passes they would require on the application form.

**Guests: Wing Ho, Volunteer Co-ordinator and Lucy Tompkins, Manager Programs & Projects.**

Wing presented the volunteer software currently being used by City Hall and the community centres which assists in managing volunteers. This software also includes criminal check clearances and does protect the privacy of volunteers. Richmond Oval also uses this software and it is free to use. Information brochure was circulated for ease of reference.

Lucy Tompkins continued by explaining that the volunteer program would help with the managing and tracking of volunteer hours, monitoring and evaluations. At present there were 3500 residents on the system. Wing offered to demonstrate the use of the system if required by the sports groups. Eric concluded by speaking very highly of the volunteer registration software.

Terry enquired if the system could be used to log volunteers hours for the sports groups and the response was definitely. Jim asked if Volunteer Richmond was a partner. Lucy confirmed that Volunteer Richmond is a partner but the City owns the database and information is on the City server only and is confidential and protected.

Presentation concluded at 7:40 pm

**4. Staff Update**

Eric confirmed that the 5 year Capital Budget had been approved by Council on December 13<sup>th</sup> and included the upgrading of two basketball courts at Thompson which will be the premier location for outdoor basketball tournaments. The new recreation centre for the Firbridge/No. 3 Road property was also included in the capital plan with a planned opening in the fall of 2012.

The Annual Information Meeting was held at the Oval on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the Oval will be conducting a community engagement strategy. Eric stated that any requests from community sports groups for activities within the Oval should go through himself first and then city staff will broker with the Oval on behalf of the sports groups for use of the Oval. Barb enquired if this included individual teams and Eric will discuss this with Dave McBride and get back to Barb with the answer. Jim asked about parking for meetings at the Oval.

**5. Sport Hosting Update**

Mike confirmed that Hosting BC grant guidelines and application forms have been distributed to everyone via e.mail and he had met with the BC Games Society in Victoria with regard to the decision making process. Mike wants to make sure that Richmond has the best opportunity for approval of applications and hence the visit to the Society.

Mike will be submitting the Sports Hosting Annual Report to Parks & Recreation Committee in January 2011.

Discussions have taken place with Canadian Curling Mens Championships to be held in 2013 at the Richmond Oval.

#### **6. Richmond Sports for Life Strategy**

Eric confirmed that the strategy had been endorsed by Council and tasks will be completed as a result. Eric will identify sections from the strategy for community sports in January 2011. Eric emphasized that there was a need to look at sports facility requirements for the future, the last plan submitted was in 1997 and a sub committee needs to be formed to address this important issue. The sub committee would work with City staff to develop and identify sports facility requirements and would be an ideal opportunity to get in writing the needs for sports facilities.

Bob agreed and stated that there was a need to have a priority list so that everyone knows where they stand. Jim confirmed that a sub committee would be formed in January 2011 so that Sports Council can move forward on this project.

#### **7. KidSport**

Bob circulated information sheets on funds allocated throughout the year. \$12,000 has been allocated more than last year. Canadian Tire was identified as a major contributor this year through their Jumpstart program and a cheque for \$5,000 had been received. A grant in the amount of \$10,000 had been applied for through the City Grants program and the outcome is still pending. Jim expressed his appreciation to members of KidSport for their hard work on behalf of this very worthy cause.

Serj drew attention to the Smart car damage to the BaseBall car caused by a hit and run driver in Steveston and the resulting cost of repairs and the fact that ICBC would not cover the cost of the decalling. Serj asked if everyone would help in finding the person responsible and he would donate \$1100 to KidSport or a 50/50 equivalent if the person responsible was located. Serj will send out more detailed information via e.mail. Terry will meet with Serj on this idea.

#### **8. Council Report**

Councillor McNulty referred to Mayor Brodie's annual address and the articulate contribution by Serj. All the committee and chairs remain the same and there is no change from 2010. It was confirmed that there is now a City liaison to the Oval Board and this will be Mayor Brodie with the back up being Councillor Harold Steves.

Bill referred to the potential of a Sports Hall of Fame for Richmond citizens as there were 3/400 sport heroes in the community with a possible location of Minoru Pavilion or the Richmond Oval or City Hall. Bill expressed his desire to move forward on this project.

A Torch Run from Steveston through Richmond is being organized by Steveston Rotary Club and Steveston Community Society for June 26, 2011 with Sports Council members to run some of the legs! There are also a number of activities being planned for that week.

Bill confirmed that a \$60M Capital Budget had been approved by Council on December 13, 2010 and the Operating Budget continues to be worked on.

9. **Trust Fund** – reminder that February 28, 2011 is the final date for 2010 requests.

10. **Sports Awards**

Don reminded everyone to forward names for nominations for Sports Awards. A meeting will be held in January 2011 and Don continued that the nominations can be from different areas in sports i.e. coaching etc. Nomination forms will be in the newspaper in January 2011. Sponsors may be used this year and the event will take place at Minoru Seniors Centre on May 5, 2011 with a cost of \$35 per ticket and proceeds going to KidSport. Terry suggested that representatives from Richmond Centre be on the committee and he will follow up and discuss with Leslie Matheson.

11. **Correspondence**

Jim referred to the press release regarding government funding and the statement that \$2.9M went to Richmond sports organizations. Jim stated that this funding went to Sport BC which is a Provincial Sports Organization and not Richmond sports.

12. **Round Table**

- \$900 cheque from Steveston Rotary for KidSport. Rmd Centre calendar has a number of community events information included
- Dave Semple celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday
- BC table tennis championships will be held Jan 8-9,2011. Nov.25-29,2010 North American team championships held with more than 1000 players and 147 tables
- City Council are keeping batting cages in the Oval on the radar. Baseball Academy at the Oval
- Nov.28,2010 City football championships very successful. Bantam game was the highlight of the day. Raised \$480 for Rmd food bank and matching funds from NFL to KidSport Richmond. City staff always help out throughout the season. Spring Play Football in April 2011
- BC Schools Triple A Soccer Tournament cancelled and may be rescheduled in the Spring
- KidSport will be at Winterfest with the Lions
- Curling working on application and booth at Winterfest
- Arena Winter Wonderland, Midget Tournament Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Michael Crawford introduced himself as Aquatic Board representative

Councillor McNulty wished everyone a very happy Christmas and new year and Jim thanked everyone for putting in a lot of work and Sports Council has come a long way and had a strong voice in the community. Jim wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

No further business.

8:50 pm adjournment.

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting: January 11, 2011**