



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday December 12, 2017

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Tommy Yoo, Al Liao, Don Fisher, Scott Stewart, John Braaten, Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff), Jack Hamilton, Stu Corrigan, Al Groff, Kathleen Wong, Warren Karsgaard, Karen Fisher Hagel, Donna Marsland, Gerry Galasso, Serj Sangara, Jeanne Jensen, Mike Thorne, Tony Shaw, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets; Kim Seaborn, Barb Norman, Jordan Mottl, Ivan Wong

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Minutes of November 14, 2017 approved – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Terry Kehoe, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – None.
3. Guests: Linda Reid MLA and two members of the Wequal Badminton Club – Tommy Yoo and Al Liao.
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty confirmed that \$160M in capital expenditures had been approved by Council on December 11th together with a property tax increase of 3.3%. The budget included 16 new RCMP officers, 175 red light cameras, retrofit to Library/Culture Centre, Seniors programs at the library, emergency preparedness and new Lawn Bowling Club and improvements on underground infrastructure.

Reports on 2015-2010 Youth Services Update, Tourism Richmond Update and Business Plan, Canada 150 Year End Review and Richmond's participation in Active Wellness Program at the Oval, all were given to the Chair for information. Councillor McNulty suggested that presentations on these reports be made to Richmond Sports Council.

Councillor McNulty wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Guests:

Chair introduced the two guests from the not for profit Wequal Badminton Club who operated in eight courts near the Casino complex.

Linda Reid was then introduced by the Chair who commented on Linda's outstanding support over the years for Sports Council. Linda Reid referred to the merger of Seafair Minor Hockey and Richmond Minor Hockey and enquired if there had been any snags in the Community Gaming Grants process. MLA was assured that all was well. Linda Reid concluded by wishing everyone Seasons greetings.

5. Staff Update

Gregg referred to the proposed Code of Conduct circulated at the last meeting requesting feedback and confirmed that the process had been postponed until January 2018. Gregg asked if anyone had any comments on the document content, to please email him.

Gregg confirmed that the first half back stop at Latrace has been completed i.e. 320 lineal feet integrated to existing back stop with 80 ft high net to cut down on foul balls.

6. Discover Your Sport

Next meeting scheduled for January 18th and more information will be brought to the February meeting.

7. Concussion Report

Stu urged everyone not to become complacent and to check the on line for action awareness information. Concussion arises in all sports from children to seniors. It was noted that this may become a liability issue with insurers in the future.

8. Wall of Fame Update

Bob referred to the successful and well attended November 18th Induction Ceremony held at City Hall. Bob continued by reminding everyone of the deadline of December 31, 2017 for 2018 submissions with forms available on the web site. Jim took this opportunity to thank staff and the committee for the ceremony arrangements. Bob concluded with a reminder that to qualify for recognition, they must have been retired for 5 years from the sport.

9. Richmond Sport Hosting

RSH office is getting more familiar with the yearly calendar. We will be reaching out to everyone who has events in 2018 to begin firming up details, as well as make sure we are aware of all events that are confirmed or tentative for 2019.

- 1- Grant Timeline and Intakes for 2018 – As an FYI for Sport Organization planning for next year. **Gerry didn't receive this, however it may be useful for the minutes.*
 - a. Intake 1: Feb 1-28 for events occurring over the dates of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019
 - b. Intake 2: June 1-30 for events occurring over the dates of Aug 1 2018 to July 31, 2019

- c. Intake 3: Oct 1-31 for events occurring Jan 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019
- 2- Vancouver Knights are a semi-professional basketball team starting to play out of the Oval in January 2018. RSH will be working with the league and the team to secure hotels and facility space. We are looking forward to helping them become a positive member of the Richmond community through outreach work. For example, they already had expressed interest in working with local schools.
- 3- Bidding on Taekwondo Canada Open for early/mid-September of 2018, 2019, 2020. This is an international event that allows Canadian competitors a chance at international points and exposure without a high travel cost.

10. Creating Community Champions Gala Event

This event will be held February 16th at the Hilton Hotel and ticket information will be sent out shortly. There are 16 host athletes to date and the ticket price will be \$2000 per table and \$175 for individuals. Bob concluded that there may be a live broadcast also.

11. Sports Awards Report

Terry confirmed the date of April 26th at McMath School with the price being the same as this year i.e. \$35 per ticket. The deadline for award submissions is January 31, 2018.

Terry stated he would bring forward a proposal in January to include the price of 3 tickets together with the annual membership in order to increase the profile for this event and to help secure revenue which had been a challenge in the past.

12. KidSport

Bob reviewed the financial details and confirmed that the account would be in the black at year end in the amount of \$19,000 and noted that last year KidSport was in the red for \$20,000. Bob continued that \$94,000 had been given out in grants in 2017 and was pleased to see that the last number of applicants had included more females than males which had never happened before.

Mike suggested newspaper advertising in order to raise public awareness of KidSport and Linda Reid stated she would be more than happy to help in this regard.

13. Facility Needs Assessment Update

Jim asked for 6 or 7 volunteers to sit on this Committee and to submit their names to Nora by December 31, 2017.

14. Trust Fund – no report.

15. Correspondence

Jim referred to the email received from Ivan Wong who was unable to attend the meeting. A copy of the email is included in the Round Table

16. Round Table

Sammy:

- Circulated information on the location of AEDs and photos of the device.

Serj:

- TDC will be sending out an email in the New Year to various Baseball Groups to see if there's anything out there we can help with... (After reviewing our 2015/2016 "Goals" list to see where we are on things). This has become possible for a number of reasons...
1) The Cambie Community Center is now offering basically the same programs as we did with "Just Play Ball" on the East side of town... At least the Indoor portion.
- 2) With Richmond City Baseball turning down the inquiry on running the Richmond LL program we started - due to BC Minor rules - the parents of the Richmond Blue Jays are forming a group to take on that challenge moving forward and 3) RCB has picked up our "JUST PLAY BALL" program and has done a great job with it by promoting it in adverting such as the Community Guide, etc. I'd like to commend John Braatren on the effort he has put into that.....As RCB has been very good at following us on things like Oval Training, accepting the AT at Latrace field, using some of the very high level Instructors we've brought in, etc, we're hoping they will continue to do so by offering "Free Registration" for the lowest age groups - 5 OR 6 year olds to 8 years old for sure... We're going to work out details with Richmond Little League on just how we can do that and stay within the Little League rules but we don't foresee a problem... We're also hoping to attend the Via Sport meetings Weds night to perhaps get some more knowledge on implementing that possibility.

Ivan:

A. Richmond Centre for Disability:

The International Wheelchair Bonspiel 2017 Canadian Open was held from No. 15 – 19, 2017.
Congratulations to:

Champion: Team Adanac 2nd Prize Winner: Team Canada 3rd Price Winner: Team Korea
Rookies

A. Richmond Lawn Bowling Club:

The Club members were awarded 5 gold medals in the National Lawn Bowling Competition.

The Christmas Party of the Club is being held tonight with 101 attendances, including Major Brodie and Councillor McNulty.

Al:

- Planning schedule for 12 different softball associations.

- 10 Youth Tournaments in 2018
- Not successful with Western Provincials
- Registration is on line and numbers are up

Mike:

- Very successful air gun division match
- Archery tournament Dec. 9th
- 70 metres distance for Archery
- Would like an outdoor archery range

Terry:

- Kamloops win
- AGM to be held January 16th
- A PDF format for Sports Awards nominations being worked on

Tony:

- Table tennis tournaments BC Open Jan 19-21 and Canada Cup Jan 20-21 both to be held at the Fortis Centre in Burnaby

Karen:

- Thank you to KidSport
- Training at the Oval
- Ice Breaker Race Jan 21st at Steveston
- Working on 50th BC elementary school championships
- Master group won one Provincial and Club competitions

Jeanne:

- Camp for kids over Christmas Dec. 2 – 5th
- Big increase in public court bookings in November
- High School Wednesday nights proven to be very successful and will continue Jan 2018
- New office manager needed

Don:

- A number of events throughout December and January
- New Years functions too

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- RSC bank balance \$2683

Kathleen:

- Field hockey registration will go live in January
- Changes to web site re on line registration
- April 7 – June 16th Spring season
- Youth Festival June 2-3
- Development program for umpires

Linda Reid MLA;

- Invitation extended to everyone to the Open House on December 13th from 5 pm thru 8 pm

No further business. Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

17. **Adjournment** at 8.15 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting January 9, 2018