



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday December 10, 2019

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Barry Riva, Scott Stewart, Nora Yan, Mike Thorne, Lance Carey, Al Groff, Serj Sangara, Donna Marsland, Don Fisher, Mike Fletcher, Sean Handlin, Tony Shaw, Rein Weber, Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff), Stu Corrigan, Karen Fisher Hagel, Steve Valenzuela, Robyn Hughes, Ivan Wong, Jack Hamilton, Councillor Bill McNulty,

Regrets: Sanjeet Sadana, Carolyn Hart, Rob Parmar, Bill Shayler, Barb Norman Rosemary Nickerson, David Van Ostrand, Nik Nashlun, Kim Seaborn,

1. Call to order at 7.00 pm.
2. Approval of minutes of November 2019 – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Al Groff, Carried .
3. Business arising from minutes – none.
4. Guest – Linda Reid – MLA

Ms. Reid acknowledged that the government was half way through another year with the Spring session beginning February 11, 2020 and the budget February 18, 2020. The next election would be held October 16, 2021.

Ms. Reid thanked everyone for volunteering their time to sport in Richmond.

Question and answer period followed.

5. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following updates:

- Cultural Harmony Plan adopted by Council

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- Budget may result in 4.8% property tax increase, 60% of the budget comprised increased staffing levels for RCMP and Firefighters. With just the same level of service as last year the increase would have been 1.69%
 - \$50,000 for Steveston Harbor Archway
 - Public Tree Management Strategy, 800 trees planted per year
 - Sister City Program working on climate change aspects
 - Report on Soccer Clubhouse to go back to General Purposes Committee
 - Wall of Fame Thank you to committee members and inductees.
 - Next Wall of Fame Committee meeting will be early in 2020
 - Reminder that December 31st is the deadline for 2020
 - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all

Question and answer period followed

6. **Staff Report**

Gregg reminded everyone - 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Canadian Sport For Life is putting on a free Movement Preparation Workshop on Saturday January 11, 2020 at West Richmond Community Centre.

7. **Wall of Fame Update** – as previously reported earlier. Parking was free for this event but caused challenges as some attendees paid.

8. **Sport Hosting Update**

Past Events:

- November was a busy month for us
- Sport Leadership Conference, Nov. 7 – 10 Great conference, hopefully some of you were able to take advantage to the free 20 spaces that were reserved for Richmond Sport Council members, overall the CAC was happy with the event and it was a good networking opportunity with the NSO's.
- Pam went to Ottawa and Montreal and met with other NSO's and attended a sport tourism conference, which was highly successful. If there is any conference, summit, AGM, national championship opportunities that you want to host, please reach out we would love to discuss how we can support you.
- Softball Canada Congress and AGM, Nov. 13 – 17

- Annual International Curling Bonspiel, Nov. 20 – 24
- Karate BC Provincials, Nov. 30 – Dec. 1

Upcoming Events:

- Speed Skating BC Cup #2, Dec. 14 - 15
- Richmond Jets Bantam Midget Tournament, Dec. 26 – 31

Sport Hosting Intake #3 – Great to see people applying, we had our largest intake in history!

- We have 28 applications and awarded \$58, 181 as the other two intakes were smaller in 2019 we had more to award.
- Next intake in open February 1 – 28 in 2020.

Other news:

- Pam is pregnant, a new manager plan will be announced in the new year.

9. Creating Community Champions Gala Event – February 28, 2020

Steve confirmed the date of Friday February 28, 2020 and tickets were on sale a table of 9 is \$2600 and individual tickets are \$250. Currently looking for donations for the Silent Auction.

10. Sports Awards Report

Mike circulated information on the event planned for May 7, 2020 and reminded everyone that the deadline for nominations for 2020 was January 31, 2020. Mike encouraged nominations as soon as possible.

11. KidSport

Bob reviewed the financial information and funds available.

Bob confirmed that the maximum grant would now be \$700 for kids upto 18 years of age effective January 2020 . \$130,000 in grants had been given out to date.

12.. RSC Facilities Assessment Committee Report

Stu referred to the 2018 report submitted to Council and the directive on October 15, 2019 from Council for staff to work with RSC on prioritizing the request for facilities.

Stu confirmed that a meeting had been held with Elizabeth Ayres, Gregg, himself and Jim in regard to the makeup of the Committee members which would include user groups, stakeholders along with a consultant in order to prepare a 10 point plan. Timeline for completion of the priorities report would be early Spring 2020.

A user group survey to be prepared and circulated to all sports groups with the help of the City with 70 user groups being contacted electronically. The results and priority report will come back to RSC for approval before going forward to Council in April 2020.

Stu confirmed that the Steering Committee members were himself, Jim, Tony Shaw and Serj together with Sport Hosting, School Board and City staff. City point of contact would be Gregg and separate email being sportsurvey@richmond.ca

13. **55 Plus Games – September 15-19, 2020**

Jim confirmed meetings with Games Society and orientation of Directors. The next meeting was scheduled for end of January 2020. Lots of volunteers required for this event.

14. **Trust Funds** – two to review.

15. **Correspondence**

Jim stated that a thank you letter had been received from Carl Savage one of the inductees on the Wall of Fame. A letter from the Mayor received confirming Councillor McNulty's appointment as Council Liaison to RSC.

16. **Round Table and New Business (highlights)**

Ivan – Lawn Bowling and RCD

- Members concerned about one outstanding issue with new clubhouse'
- RCD – 2019 Canadian Open Wheelchair Curling Nov. 20-24 with 16 teams participating.

Lance – Richmond Field Hockey

- AGM January 20, 2020

- 50th Anniversary of the club
- On Wall of Fame committee and encourage nominations

Don – Curling

- 2019 Canadian Open International Wheelchair Bonspiel Nov.20-24. Winners 1st Team China, 2nd Team Quebec, 3rd Team China and 4th Team Manitoba
- U21 Junior Fun Spiel Dec. 28-29, all levels of youth curlers, round robin format, guaranteed 3 games – 8 end games, pizza lunch included, entry fee \$120 per team
- Rentals and Bonspiels booked into 2020
- Management and Facility staff working hard on priorities and timetables

RSC Bank balance \$3201.71

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

Don – New Womens Curling Team from Mexico curling tournament
India Mens Team – curling tournament

Al – Richmond Girls Softball

- Registration open
- 7 Ice Breaker tournaments in April 2020
- Adult Womens Tournament May2020
- Dec. 20th Provincial tournament

Karen – Richmond Girls Soccer

- Four members inducted in Wall of Fame
- Warning given about attacks by Owls by playing fields

Mike – Rod and Gun Club

- Vegs Open in 2020
- Fishing update provide
- Hunting closes this weekend

Stu – Karate

- Updated information on concussion available on web site
- Attended International Event in Tokyo 3 days with 1000 participants

Rein – Richmond Youth Soccer

- Successful blanket drive held
- New turf is good. Frozen a couple of weeks ago
- Indoor soccer at four elementary schools on Sunday nights with 70 kids signed up to date and this will continue thru January 2020

Scott – Speed Skating

- BC Cup 1. And BC Cup 2 both new events
- Sunday Dec. 15th Christmas Tea event 2 pm to 4.30 pm

Serj – Richmond little League Baseball

- Four teams to tournament in Las Vegas
- Five teams to Phoenix under 13/Spring training
- Registration to start in 2 days
- Baseball BC AGM

Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

No further business and meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting – Next meeting January 14, 2020