



**Tuesday
December 14, 2021
at 7.00 pm
Virtual meeting**

Attendance: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Colin Elmes, Gordon Farrell, Stu Corrigan, Barry Riva, Don Fisher, Donna Marsland, Laurie Kerr, Scott Stewart, Sonja Dong, David Price, Aarron Thompson, Puneet Bains, Nik Nashlund, Al Groff, Councillor Bill McNulty, City Staff - Gregg Wheeler

Regrets: Ivan Wong, Serj Sangara

1. Call to order at 7.00 pm
2. Approval of minutes from November 2021 – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded; Colin Elmes, Carried. Amendment to minutes under Councillor McNulty’s report.
3. Business arising from minutes: none.
4. **Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty**

The following updates were provided:

- Correction to minutes: Parks & Recreation Committee approved the following motion: **That East Richmond and Hamilton areas be included as potential sites for sport? In the Sports Council Facilities Task Force Priorities.**
- Capital Budget approved
- Operating Budget approved
- Library under budget, very good in terms of finances
- Alternative source of funding via MFA of \$90M for new Steveston Community Centre of 50,000 sq.ft. including gym, library and meeting rooms – plans yet to be finalized
- Housing Strategy Plan for market rental housing (Sexsmith/Garden City 357 units)
- Poverty Reduction Plan for Richmond
- Staff to bring back timeline and stakeholder engagement for delivery of the Hugh Boyd community building and fieldhouse
- City has relationship with Jumpstart, does Sports Council have a liaison with Jumpstart? This needs to be addressed
- Attended a number of sporting events
- City working with Curling Club re maintenance and Ice Plant
- Steveston pool will not be closing

- \$525,000 awarded in grants for events

5 **Staff Report**

Gregg confirmed that fields were all open but dependent upon weather conditions.

6. **Wall of Fame**

Stu stated that information to inductees had been sent out and event planned for January 22, 2022 at the Gateway Theatre. Parking will be free. There will be a need to follow Provincial Health Orders at this time to mitigate risks.

7. **KidSport**

Bob stated that to date there had been 211 grants for a total of \$93,612 to 36 different community sports. 29 applications received for December.

Jumpstart did used to have a City staff liaison but currently there was no liaison. Thank you to Karen for KidSport donation from Kajaks.

8. **Announcements**

Lawn Bowling and RCD – Ivan unable to attend and has no report.

Serj Sangara:

Evening RSC members and Park Staff.

On behalf of our TDC group - be it for baseball, soccer or other groups - we inquired with the BC PLACE folks about the large amount of used artificial turf they were looking to move out this week. Unfortunately, we may have been a little late coming to the party.

That aside, at the Jan meeting, we're hoping to address the related request of trying to bring at least an Artificial Turf Baseball INFIELD to Richmond for the younger participants playing the game.

Ideally in conjunction with those others working on that effort, including the Facility Needs Steering Committee.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Richmond Tennis Club

David confirmed that the AGM had been held in November. Currently there was a waiting list and hoped that improved facilities were included in the Facility Needs Assessment. Gregg committed to following up by arranging a meeting in January 2022.\

Bob stated that Pacific National Curling Championship had been cancelled and deferred to 2023.

Curling Club

Construction of the ice plant foundation has been completed with cement poured and assembly of the mechanical plant is beginning this week. Work is slightly behind schedule but now that the groundwork is done the physical assembly is commencing and the City consider work will progress quicker with possibly the new ice installation could start by the first or second week of January 2022 and tentative league availability by very early February.

The City is also wiring the facility for heat exchange with the hope an exchanger could be incorporated in future budgets. This work makes sense while utilizing the crew that are now present in the building. Their time estimation above takes into account extra absence over the upcoming holiday.

Janice Froese, Office and Business Development Manager is planning one week of holidays between Christmas and New Year at which time the Club will be closed. She follows all leads to rental opportunities including utilizing space downstairs and in the upper lounge.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and stay well and drive safely.

Richmond Sports Council finances to Dec, 13/21.	
Chequing account	\$2,518.15

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 C/O Don Fisher
 415-4600 Westwater Dr.
 Richmond B.C.
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Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

9. **Adjournment** at 7.25 pm

 Jim Lamond, Chair

 Nora Wright, Recorder

Next Meeting – January 11, 2022 at 7.00 pm