



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday February 9, 2021 Telephone/Video Conference call meeting

Attendance: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Colin Elms, Don Fisher, Gordon Farrell, Stanley Yip, Rosemary Nickerson, Sean Handlin, Osmond Tsang, Lance Carey, Sonja Dong, Stu Corrigan, Serj Sangara, Ivan Wong, Kim Jensen, Kathleen Wong, Nik Nashlund, Karen Fisher Hagel, Barry Riva, Curtis Tomei, Donna Marsland, Terry Dowle, Councillor Bill McNulty, City Staff - Gregg Wheeler, Paul Morizawa

1. Call to order at 7.04 pm.
2. Approval of minutes from January 2021. Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded; Ivan Wong, Carried .
3. Business arising from minutes – none.
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following updates:

- Master Plan for London Heritage Farm to become a Destination Point
- \$900,000 in City grants awarded e.g. Arts, Child Care, Health Care, Parks and Recreation, Winter Club, Pickleball, KidSport and \$5000 for low income families for sports not covered by KidSport

5. **Staff Report**

Gregg Wheeler provided the following updates:

- Facility Strategy – no further update
- Use of gyms at elementary schools limited to skill development

- Serj enquired if there was a return to play for schools, gyms and fields and Gregg responded that PHOs apply and working with PSO re return to sport plan for appropriate use of gyms and spacing
- PHOs would be updated at the end of February and current PHOs continue to apply

6. Field Allocation Policy

Gregg referenced the Policy and Administrative Procedures drafts circulated following feedback from a variety of groups and staff meeting with Jim and Councillor McNulty. Gregg then asked for comments from the members.

Questions were as follows:

- 150 days to book ahead for tournaments; softball only gets 60 days notice. *Response: Changes made in this regard as 6.2 now states 60 days notice*
- Policy for the fall? *Response: Policy and Procedures priority of allocation on out of season sports will be given consideration. Section 5 of the Administrative Procedures provides details*
- Serj requested a list of attendees at the January meeting. Gregg to forward
- Are tournaments taking precedence over regular use plays in Administrative Procedures? *Response: Explanation as to why this was included and there was no history over the past 8 years of having to cancel sport times*
- School Provincial Championships were joint use with School District and the City; how does this work if schools want to book? *Response: City first, School District second and then members. Joint Use Policy Contract between City and School District still in effect and School District to give a certain time period for any rescheduling to take place. Joint Use meetings held three times a year and work together should any conflict in scheduling arise with sports groups to provide the least inconvenience.*
- Councillor McNulty recommended that an amendment to the wording to the old Joint Use Agreement with regard to Richmond School District re special events should be reviewed and a note as to how facilities would be allocated and the timing. *Response: Amendment to 5.2 (c) in Administrative Procedures that “consideration be given to special events and add SD38”. An email to be sent to RSC members re updated clause for endorsement.*

Jim requested a motion from the members to accept these policy and procedures.

Motion:

To accept the Field Allocation Policy and Administrative Procedures as presented with amendments.

Moved: Sean Handlin, Seconded: Osmond Tsang, Carried.

7. Wall of Fame

Councillor McNulty confirmed that two new members had joined the Committee, namely Rick Henderson and Barbara Norman with thanks to Donna Marsland for her past contribution to the Committee.

Councillor McNulty continued that the Terms of Reference and Selection criteria had been reviewed. Currently there were 24 applications outstanding with two applications to date for 2021. There would be no changes to the deadline for applications, more information available on the City web site.

8. KidSport

Bob commented on reconciliation of financials with new cheques issues and many returned. At the end of the year \$123,000 in income which was \$31,000 less than last year and grants of \$79,780 allocated which was a 37% drop from last year which had been \$126,569. Grant to remain at \$700. School sports decline of 54%. Two new sports added: Snowboarding and Kung Fu.

Bob expressed thanks to the City and Councillor McNulty for their ongoing support of KidSport.

A virtual banquet may be held and still being reviewed.

9. Correspondence

Jim referred to the letter received from Baseball regarding artificial infield at Brighthouse Park and this will be forwarded to the Facility Task Force to address together with items from Little League regarding an artificial infield at East Richmond. A meeting to be arranged.

10. Announcements (submitted via email)

Richmond Sport Hosting

The Richmond Sport Hosting grant is open until midnight March 1st, for events occurring between April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022. If you think your event could run we encourage you to apply, and feel free to reach out with any questions directly to Robyn - Rhughes@richmondoval.ca

Despite the restriction on events, the Richmond Sport Hosting Grant continued with all three intakes on a modified schedule in 2020. In total, 19 events were successful in their applications, with \$52,115 in funding being awarded.

Richmond Curling Club

The Club Curling activity is suspended until the fall of 2021, however the Club is soliciting rental activities for our very large open spaces and again, contact may be made through our Office and Business Development Manager. This indoor facility is massive.

We are also offering opportunities to Membership and Friends to purchase excess items of inventory and take-out food and favorite beverages.

The Board has established a new Richmond Winter Club Development Fund in partnership with the B.C. Amateur Sport Fund which allows donors to receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Richmond Sports Council financials.

General chequing account remains at \$ 3,059.90

11. **Adjournment** at 7.54 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recorder

Next virtual meeting – Tuesday March 9, 2021 – AGM

