



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

Tuesday January 11, 2011

Present: Jim Lamond(Chair), Ivan Wong, Peter Mitchell, Dan Marriott, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Paul Alexander, Dawna Sales, Glenn Kishi, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Gary Rosval. Serj Sangara, Roger Barnes Jack Hamilton, Michael Crawford, Councillor Bill McNulty. Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, Mike Romas (City staff)

Regrets: Don Fisher, Lance Carey, Donna Marsland, Pat Weatherill, Sandra Nass, Fred Pawluk.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

1. Minutes of December 14, 2010 approved as circulated.
Moved: Ivan Wong, Seconded: Barbara Norman, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. Guest - Rick Dubras – Executive Director, Richmond Addiction Services

Rick introduced himself and provided information on Youth Week which is first week in May, he would like to bring in as a guest Theo Fleury to talk about his addiction and the impact it had on his hockey career. This event would help to raise awareness to both youth and families of Richmond Addiction Services and the Prevention Team that is available to help with all addictions including internet and gambling which has really impacted Richmond.

Vancouver Coastal Health has contracted with Richmond Addiction Services (RAD) to serve young people with internet and gaming issues. The prevention and promotion activities during Youth Week in May will help the young people of Richmond realize that RAD is serving their community. Another activity being planned is Hockey Day in Richmond with partner Richmond Centre Mall who will help provide some road hockey games, BBQ and food for the youth of Richmond. A keynote address and dinner will be held later in the day for businesses and again, help to raise the profile of RAD.

Mr. Dubras concluded by asking for the endorsement of Richmond Sports Council for the promotion of RAD to engage young people. Jim suggested that they participate at Winterfest. Eric to follow up on this idea with Mr. Dubras.

Guest: Tom Locke from the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

Tom introduced himself and thanked Terry Kehoe to bring the Hall of Fame to the community and the opportunity to participate in Winterfest. Tom displayed a commemorative picture as a project fund raiser for the BC Sports Wall of Fame and a revenue generator. The picture was signed by Bobby Lenarduzzi and Lui Passaglia. The cost would be \$295 each plus tax. the BC Sports Hall of Fame and KidSport BC are partnering on this promotion, so KidSport Richmond will also be a direct beneficiary.

4. **Council Report**

Councillor McNulty made reference to the property tax assessments that had been recently sent out and encouraged everyone to contact BC Assessment if they had concerns with their property assessment.

Athletes that participated in the Commonwealth Games held in India were recognized by Council. Lt.Governor will be attending a long service awards ceremony for fire rescue personnel on Saturday January 15th.

Community grants will be on the agenda at the Council meeting on February 7th for approval and Tall Ships Report on January 17. Bill continued by referring to the Sports Facilities Task Force which will be formed shortly and emphasized that now was the time to take action in this regard.

5. **Staff Update**

Eric provided more information on Winterfest and confirmed that invitations had been sent out to participate in Winterfest. 16 sports groups so far have signed up and more detailed information will be sent out shortly in regard to specifics i.e. set up will be Friday Feb 11th at 4 pm or Saturday Feb 12th after 7 am and all set ups to be completed by 10 am. Some space is still available in the hard court area.

Eric continued that the Sport for Life Strategy having been adopted in November 2010 was circulated to a variety of agencies including community associations and the School Board with the resulting feedback being very positive. Meetings are being arranged in the future with a number of these organizations. Community recreation staff are adopting physical literacy programs to encourage participants at the community centres. Eric circulated copies of the strategic goals and highlighted items that pertain to community sports organizations and Richmond Sports Council and asked that at a future meeting this document be addressed and actions identified by members that they would like to take on.

With regard to the Facilities Task Force, Eric emphasized that this needs to be moved along as quickly as possible. Peter stated that Winterfest advertised arts on the web site but needs more identity for sports. Eric responded that more promotion would take place in this area very shortly.

Jim enquired as to the public entrance to the Oval during Winterfest and would it be from the Plaza and Eric confirmed that it would. Annie enquired about parking passes and Sammy committed to following up on this issue at a later date and provide more information.

6. **Sports Hosting Update**

Mike confirmed that he had met with the BC Games Society to discuss the BC Sports Hosting Program and they had stated that applications must be made on line. Mike will prepare letters of support for those groups making applications for funding. Tourism Richmond will also have letters of support too if required.

Mike confirmed that in 2012 the Senior and Junior National Championships in Boxing would be taking place at the Oval. Richmond Rocket's would be hosting a short track speed skating event at the Oval and Curling Canada may be hosting a curling event in 2013 but this is still under discussion.

Bob stated that schools have been eliminated from the BC Sports Hosting Grants and this is making it difficult to compete with other communities.

7. **Committees for 2011**

Facilities Task Force – Jim asked that members please submit a Wish List as soon as possible and to let him know if you are interesting in becoming a member of the Task Force.

Sports Awards Committee – Jim also asked that members submit their names directly to him if they would like to be part of the committee. The committee meeting will be held on January 17, 2011.

Sports Hall of Fame

Jim commented on the large number of athletes within Richmond that deserve recognition together with the large volume of medals and archive memorabilia, however, there was nowhere to display this material. Oval has indicated a preference to display Olympic memorabilia and it may be that Minoru Pavilion at 7191 Granville may be looked at in this regard.

8. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial statements on payments to groups. Total fund allocated amounted to \$20,357.75. Bob pointed out that 70% of participants were male and there was a need to try and enhance female participation as this was becoming a concern in the community.

9. **Trust Fund** – no report

10. **Sports Award**

Jim confirmed that the banquet would take place on May 5th at Minoru Senior Centre. Nomination forms should be appearing in the local newspaper very shortly. The form will also be emailed to various sport groups.

11. **Round Table**

- Fusbal Indoor Soccer was held at the Oval Jan 8-9,2011
- Richmond Soccer Coastal Cup will be held in April
- New high performance Soccer league
- Should there be any concerns or comments with regard to the Oval, please let Roger know i.e. thoughts on policy/direction/role of the Oval so that Roger can pass onto the Oval Board
- Baseball event at the Oval every Sunday until end of March, space for 55 kids and 44 are participating at present. Meeting to be held at the Oval on February 5th. Looked at equipment in Nashville and came back with recommendations especially in regard to batting cages. Personal training for the parents, not able to do at the Oval
- Winter is off season at schools. Schools hosting tournaments. Basketball at Palmer – watch these guys!
- Thanks to Eric. Richmond Gymnastics now have heat
- Paul is going to be a judge at the Small Arms event to be held in Halifax – Canada Winter Games
- Fund raising for KidSport re Hall of Fame commemorative poster. Will send out more information electronically
- Baseball – John Yap has been contacted in regard to gaming funding. Second live registration through Minoru and level is same as last year. Provincial Tournament this year – will provide more information later
- Table Tennis Tournament at Cambie Secondary School in February, everyone welcome to attend
- Meet with Oregon Swim, very high level team, member of Rapids team participated
- Gymnastics BC – potential event in 2014 at the Oval
- Volleyball – first club season, 13 teams, 50:50 boys and girls
- Midget 30th Anniversary, easy time at Arena

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 8, 2011