



Richmond Sports Council

**Tuesday
January 11, 2022
at 7.00 pm
Virtual meeting**

Attendance: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Colin Elmes, Gordon Farrell, Serj Sangara, Stu Corrigan, Don Fisher, Laurie Kerr, Scott Stewart, Sonja Dong, Aaron Thompson, Nik Nashlund, Rein Weber, Kathleen Wong, Ivan Wong, Puneet Bains, Al Groff, Trey Wells, Councillor Bill McNulty, City Staff - Gregg Wheeler

1. Call to order at 7.00 pm
2. Approval of minutes from December 2021 – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded; Gordon Farrell, Carried
3. Business arising from minutes: Serj to address under Facilities Task Force update.
4. **Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- Happy New Year to everyone
- City Hall remains closed for some time yet
- Fitness centres closed – update on PHOs January 18th
- Steveston Community Centre and Library Authorization Loan approved rather than taking money from Reserves
- Housing report from staff - housing in a crisis and no programs from Federal and Provincial governments. Policy in effect with 60 sites rentals only and cannot be developed
- 2022 Art Program – murals for schools depicting history
- Community Garden along Railway corridor and on Garden City lands. 600 requests to date for these gardens and only able to accommodate 300
- Community Wellness Strategy 2018-2023 updated. Information on web site.
- BC Assessment notices sent out with increases across the board
- Community Grants available shortly. \$5000 not used would now go to KidSport. \$5000 available for non PSO groups

5 **Staff Report**

Gregg provided the following updates:

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- Fields closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 24 due to snow
 - Opened artificial fields Jan 3rd except King George Park
 - Provincial Health Orders update January 18th
 - Hosting Grants available ViaSport – information circulated by e.mail
 - Spring/Summer season discussion with field sports

6. **Facilities Task Force Update**

Jim confirmed that a Zoom meeting would be scheduled late January and more information available at the February meeting.

Serj referred to 2006 and the Richmond Soccer Alliance as he had been approached by individuals in another part of the City to work on a similar project as King George Park. Serj enquired if individual sports should work towards getting their needs in place while waiting for Facilities Task Force actions.

Gregg responded that in 2018 there was no direction from Council and now there was a direction and the meeting will be arranged in late January to move forward.

Councillor McNulty pointed out that community facilities and longterm needs for all to be addressed which was the general policy and philosophy. Development in East Richmond and Hamilton needs would be addressed and included in the City Capital Plan.

7. **Wall of Fame**

Stu confirmed that the ceremony had been postponed, no future date determined.

8. **KidSport**

Bob confirmed a total of 225 grants awarded in 2021 for A total of \$102,600.

Bob commented that he was expecting more applications in 2022 and thanked Councillor McNulty for ensuring that \$5000 continued to be available for non PSO sport groups.

9. **Announcements**

Richmond Curling Club

Formal installation of the new ice plant is underway with welders, electricians and other City staff to complete this initial task over the next two weeks. By completion, the plant will be fired up with testing started and target for our re-opening is suggested to be Feb. 14/22.

We are also proud to be hosting the Canadian National Wheelchair Team for practice sessions Feb.22 to Feb. 24th, on their way to the Para Olympic Games. All protocols will be followed and we are hopeful we will be allowed to have spectators behind glass in our lobby

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and/or lounge locations during these dates.

Richmond Sports Council finances to January 11/22.

Chequing account \$ 2,538.15

Please bring your past due membership dues payments up to date
by mailing to Richmond Sports Council

c/o Don Fisher
415-4600 Westwater Dr.
Richmond B.C. V7E-6S2

To find out amounts due please email Don at moedonfish@shaw.ca

Very Much Appreciated
Don Fisher, Treasurer.

Bob announced that Hockey Tournament scheduled end of March/April had been postponed to 2023.

Stu drew attention to the delay experienced when calling 911 and emphasized the need to have Emergency and Safety Plans in place.

Total Soccer has joined Richmond Youth Soccer Association.

Richmond Girls Softball- Provincial championships Aug 6 – 8, 2022

No further business.

10. **Adjournment** at 7.35 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recorder

Next Meeting –February 8, 2022 at 7.00 pm