



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday July 9, 2013

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Bob Jackson, Doug Long, Robbie Jacobs, Stuart Corrigan, Peter Mitchell, Jeff Lightfoot, Sanjeet Sadana, Warren Karsgaard, Rosemary Nickerson, Roger Lane, Don Fisher, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Bill Shayler, Donna Marsland. Councillor Bill McNulty
Sam Morizawa, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff),

Regrets: Steve Valenzuela, Lance Carey, Trevor Rennie, Mike Romas, (Oval)

Meeting called to order at 7.05 pm

1. Approval of June 11, 2013 minutes – Moved: Doug Long, Seconded: Serj Sangara, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – none.
3. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty referred to the Major Capital Facilities Program which included replacing the Senior Centre at Minoru and noted that there may be further debate as to concept which may include 2nd or 3rd stories to provide seniors housing. Replacement of the Minoru Aquatic Centre is also planned together with replacing Fire Hall No. 1 at Granville and renovations to the Public Safety Building (ex RCMP building).

A banner from the 2009 BC Seniors Games was presented to Mayor and Council at the last Council meeting and Councillor McNulty was disappointed that Richmond Sports Council was not invited to this presentation.

The floor was then opened for questions.

Sanjeet enquired about the museum at the Oval and the response was that this was going ahead and would be called the Richmond Olympic Experience and not be a traditional museum as such but an interactive experience.

4. **Sports Hosting Update**

Secured events:

- 2013 Adult Team Tennis Provincials
 - o Richmond Tennis Club in August
- 2014 Karate BC Provincial Championship
 - o Richmond Olympic Oval in May
- 2015 Karate BC Provincial Championship
 - o Richmond Olympic Oval in May
- 2013 PGA of BC Tradeshow
 - o Richmond Olympic Oval in October

Bids in Progress:

- 2014 Pan Am Taekwondo Championship
- 2015 Pan Am Judo Championship
- 2016 Canadian Darts Championship

Upcoming event – 2013 Yonex Canada Open, July 16-21, Richmond Olympic Oval (www.canadaopen.ca)

5. Garden City Lands

Jim referred to the letter sent to Mayor and Council which had been previously circulated and would be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

6. Staff Update

Gregg gave regrets from the Oval for their non attendance and provided an update on the June 23rd event and the Mountain Equipment Co-op event with 5, 10 and 20 km runs with over 200 participants. Ship to Shore festival very successful as was the Sportsfest West at the Oval.

Garden City Lands...cont'd

Warren enquired as to why the 1986 report was included with the letter to Mayor and Council as over 5 more reports have been submitted since then. Warren continued that there was a need to improve the current facilities and that every City has better fields than Richmond.

Sanjeet referred to the planned Museum at the Oval and stated that he felt the money would be better spent elsewhere as no museums make money.

Peter stated that Sports Council needed to define what they needed now and “where is sport going in 20/30 years”.

Jim confirmed that he and Bob had attended the consultants meeting and the talk was all about gardens and agriculture, sport was not in the picture at all.

Members participated in considerable discussion on the issue of usage of the land and it was again emphasized that Sports Council support the use of sports fields on the Garden City lands.

Councillor McNulty emphasized that all sports needed to be more active politically and present a united front and move forward collectively.

Jim's final comment was that prior Councils wishes would be that the Garden City lands purchased would be to provide sports facilities and there was room for everyone on the land.

7. **Facilities Task Force Report**

Jim referred to the draft report circulated and requested that any changes be submitted to Bob Jackson by the end of July as the report will be going forward to Council in September.

8. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial information and confirmed that as there were no further grants pending and there was only \$3/4,000 in the bank, it had been decided that the funding would be decreased to \$150 from \$250 starting July 9, 2013.

Sanjeet has suggested a fund raising banquet be arranged and a meeting will be held to discuss this opportunity. Sanjeet emphasized that it would be prudent to get the business community involved.

9. **Trust Fund** – no report.

10. **Round Table** (highlights)

Sammy

- Nations cup will be held July 19 thru 21st and Dolphin Park Class July 28 thru 28th

Doug

- Richmond Soccer doing well, 3 gold medals won and one bronze medal at recent Provincials

Serj

- Health Walk held every May – any interest in Richmond?
- Use of dyke for 5 km walk
- Meeting place at the Oval or Rowing Coub – Gregg Wheeler offered to assist in facilitating

Jeff (Kajaks)

- Upcoming race Richmond Oval August 18th
- Fund raising for club – evening race

Stu

- Relay for life at the Oval \$8000 raised (annual all night event)
- Going to Russia for an international event in August for 2 weeks

Rosemary

- All doing well

Ivan

- Singles competition July 23-25
- Provincials competition July 26-29

Bill

- Lot of teams heading into Provincials
- All looking good

Gregg

- Judo National Championships at the Oval last weekend, well attended

Jim

- Discover your Sport will be held Sunday August 25th at Minoru and a meeting will be held shortly to organize this event. More information will be sent out via email

No further business – meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm. No meeting will be held in August

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: September 10, 2013