



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday June 9, 2015

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair) Don Fisher, John Braaten, Gregg Wheeler, (City staff), Pam Lacroix, Kim Seaborn, Terry Kehoe, Mike Thorne, Serj Sangara, Tony Shaw, Sam Morizawa Donna Marsland, Jared Hulme, Gary Rosval, Gerry DeCicco, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Bill Shayler, Bob Jackson, Jack Hamilton, Stu Corrigan, Barb Norman, Sanjeet Sadana, John Braaten.

Meeting called to order at 7.05 pm

1. Approval of May minutes – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Jared Hulme, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil
3. **Guests** – Anila LaCroix and Kathy Nakhleh

Kathy and Anila promoted Richmond Rocks an event to be held on Sunday July 19th from 12 noon to 4 pm at Minoru Park. This family event fund raiser is for Touchstone and KidSport with registration \$20. There will be yoga classes, food booths and fun. The target is 500 people attending to help promote family health, community health and physical health. More information is available via richmondrocks4kids@gmail.com.

4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty confirmed the upgrade of the Rugby field at King George Park and commented on the Richard Collier Throwing Centre celebration. The Minoru Complex and Multi Purpose Room has been approved by Council with Councillor McNulty giving his support to Sports Council requirements.

2017 is the 150th birthday of Canada and as such Canada 150 Grants are available from the Federal Government in celebration of this event. City of Richmond has submitted an application for a \$4.5M grant for a variety of infrastructure upgrades.

Doors Open was another great event with 44 venues through the City. Councillor McNulty suggested that perhaps sport should be involved in future years.

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On a question from Serj regarding Minoru Fields being open to everyone, Councillor McNulty responded that the fields are dedicated to sport and the Minoru Complex usage should have guidelines for use as it will be open to everyone.

5. **Staff Update**

Gregg referred to the Pan Am Torch Relay on Sunday June 14th and provided details beginning at Steveston Community Centre and finishing with a celebration at the Oval.

Lots of activities at Garry Point Park including 500 runners for the 5k to 10k run and ALS event plus Farmers Market in Steveston.

6. **Sports Hosting Update**

Very busy with bids for 2016-2017 events right now, including Judo, Roller Derby and Gymnastics events.

- Upcoming events:
- Fencing Provincials at the Oval June 19-21
- Drive Summer Classic at the Oval June 19-21
- Richmond Country Club Futures Tour at the Richmond Country Club June 22-28
- Baden Cup at the Oval July 1-2
- Softball Provincials U12B at London Secondary July 3-5
- Tournament of Champions at the Oval July 9-12
- NTCC (Volleyball Canada Junior National Team) at the Oval July 14-19

The ROX (Richmond Olympic Experience) at the Oval is set to open in late September with a very cool Community Celebration weekend which will include free admission for Richmond residents. Stay tuned for more information coming to the City soon.

7. **Minoru Fields and Building Updates**

Jim announced that both Mike Fletcher and Bob Jackson were in hospital. Jim continued that despite the Sports Councils views being made known to Council and to the two Advisory Committees, there had been no changes to the design within the complex.

Serj enquired if the Minoru Park Committee was finished as some things had not been addressed and Jim responded that the mandate of the Committee was to completion and the committee would continue to meet to finalize outstanding issues. Jim committed to arranging a committee meeting as soon as possible.

Serj then asked about the access and use of the facility and would the access still stand as before. Jim stated that he and Sammy would meet with groups in the fall and the same same will continue with baseball. Serj responded that this is not happening. Jim asked Gregg to meet with the baseball groups to sort out this issue.

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8. **Wall of Fame**

Donna confirmed that a meeting has been scheduled for June 18th and the recommendations from the committee are in the process of being addressed by Council. Jim asked Gerry to look into the Wall of Fame and how it is shared and accessed with the new retail store at the Oval. Currently there is no confirmed date for the Wall of Fame opening.

9. **KidSport Fund Raising Banquet**

Funds raised in the amount of \$48,000 and planning will begin in September for the 2016 event with a new date being established.

10. **Sports Awards**

Terry thanked everyone for their support of the May 7th event. 172 people were in attendance with 38 nominations and \$1000 was raised for KidSport. There will be a new category next year Community Male and Female. Thank you to all the volunteers and please remember to submit nominations for 2016. Jared suggested a local hero keynote speaker for future events.

11. **Discover Your Sports**

Jim reported on behalf of Stu who was in Alberta. Event went very well and a wind up meeting will be scheduled shortly including discussion on improvements for next year. Jim thanked everyone for participating.

12. **KidSport** – information circulated.

13. **Trust Fund** – no report.

14. **Correspondence**

Jim read out the letter from Jack Hamilton, Rugby as below:

I am out of town and cannot be at tonight's meeting.

The Richmond rugby Club sincerely thanks all of the Sports Council members for supporting and passing the motion brought forward at last months meeting, to use funds from the Natural Turf Field Sports Reserve Fund to pay for the resurfacing and upgrades to King George Park rugby field. The King George rugby field is beyond normal repair and maintenance, and it has become a significant safety concern with large patches of loose sand that provides poor support and severely strains knees and ankles. Without your support the rugby club would have required other fields and facilities to continue operating. Supporting each other is what Sports Council is about, and we appreciate your support.

We also appreciate the efforts of Gregg, Sammy and city staff to move these upgrades forward. The Parks and Recreation Committee approved the city staff report on May 26th and this was to go to city council last night for final approval. While writing this I don't know the results of that

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meeting but am going to assume it was positive. I also appreciate and thank Bob Jackson and Jim Lamond for attending the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting with me last month to lend support for these much needed upgrades.

Thanks again,
Jack Hamilton

15. **Round Table – highlights**

Donna:

- Reminder to everyone to pay annual membership.

Mike Thorne:

- Review of his trip to China
- Crabbing strong
- Archery steady – outdoor strong
- School system in September
- Spring fishing good

Serj:

- Thank you to everyone for your good wishes during my health challenge
- Five C Charity Golf Tournament to fund KidSport in the No.5 Road and Cambie area, August 21st Guildford Golf and Country club
- Fund raiser for PSC raised \$700
- Free baseball sessions to keep kids active during summer and winter

Jared:

- Kajaks busy with events
- Richard Collier event, thanks to everyone for attending
- Looking for Food and Beverage Manager and Head Coach
- 1500 registered for track meet
- Will send out Five C Charity Golf Tournament via separate email

Kim:

- Getting ready for fall season
- 175 girls so going well
- Won one gold and other medals in tournaments
- BC Soccer/FIFA – participating at Oval
- Nets on posts in the fields who put them up and wear and tear becoming obvious. Sammy responded that youth take care of the nets

Terry:

- Two table tennis tournaments in May 30th Cambie Secondary high level
- May 31st at the Oval – 70 players per tournament

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Gerry DeCicco:

- Beach courts built at the Oval Plaza available June 10th.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.05 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday July 14, 2015
No Meeting in August