



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday June 12, 2018

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff), Stu Corrigan, Mike Fletcher, Serj Sangara, Mike Thorne, Jack Hamilton, Tony Shaw, Bill Shayler, Donna Marsland, Adrian Goodmurphy, Steve Valenzuela, Barb Norman, Ivan Wong, Jordan Mottl, Lance Carey, Rosemary Nickerson, Warren Karsgaard, Shari Rogers, Pam Begg, Nora Yan, Marzena Wiese, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Kim Seaborn, Jeanne Jensen, Sanjeet Sadana, John Braaten

Guest: Linda Reid, MLA

1. Call to order at 7.05 pm. Addition to the Agenda – Field Bookings.
2. Approval of minutes from May 8, 2018 – Moved Don Fisher, Seconded: Barb Norman, Carried.
3. **Business arising from minutes** – none.

Linda Reid MLA – thank you for another tremendous season with feedback from a lot of residents on how happy they were with sports in Richmond. Should anyone need help in completing grants or forms, please contact me.

Bob thanked Linda for the government grant received.

4. **Council Update – Councillor Bill McNulty**

Councillor McNulty provided the following updates:

- 2015-2020 Senior Services Plan with 2017 update available on web site
- 2015-2010 Youth Services Plan endorsed and available on web site
- Affordable Housing of 50 units with child care hub at No. 3 Road and Alderbridge,
- 35,000 sq.ft Community Centre – Richmond North
- Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony Saturday September 29th at 11.00 am in Council Chambers

Question and answer period followed.

5. **Staff Report**

Gregg provided the following information:

- Free Sport for Life Movement Preparation Workshop June 23rd at Cambie Community Centre
 - Draft Wellness Strategy June 13th at 6.30 pm at Cultural Centre and June 16th at Minoru Senior Centre at 1 pm
 - Signage information sent via email
6. **Sign Bylaw/Policy Update** information circulated via e.mail
 7. **Concussion Report** – Stu reminded everyone to check Facebook/web page for useful links and up to date information.
 8. **Discover Your Sport Update** – Stu reviewed his report and will circulate a copy via email.
 9. **Wall of Fame Update** – addressed earlier in the meeting.
 10. **Sport Hosting Update**

Jordan provided the following updates:

- Team Canada and Team China Senior basketball
 - June 27th Gymnastics for all age groups
 - July 5th Provincial A Cup
11. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event** – no report.
 12. **Field Bookings**

Serj expressed concern which he had questioned over the past 3 years and also during the past 3 RSC meetings i.e. applying for field time for a program being brought into Richmond.

Serj identified the following issues:

- Booking Policy update, could only find 2008 version
- Timeline involved in trying to offer programs and book facilities
- Tried to book one ball diamond and 2.1/2 months have gone by with no result
- Method of allocation of field bookings
- Facilities are available but allocation and opportunity for use has to come from someone who has booked historically
- Need the ability to work together
- Should be one day bookings and not the response “No its booked”
- Protectionism concern that only those offering programs or other opportunities to offer similar programs if facilities are available

Options:

- Some parents are concerned that options to play sport and should be offered are not being offered “need a right to play in Richmond and not to go out to play in other cities
- Who are the people making the decisions is it sports or just the City?
- Loss revenue to the City as when 100% booked these sports groups only pay for what they use. This is a concern.
- For 3 to 4 years now politics have come into play in sport and children are losing out on opportunities
- Need to reach out and try to resolve these issues, some dialogue has started within the past 12 hours
- This needs to be a stand alone issue and not part of the Facility Needs Assessment

Question and answer period followed with the following round table comments:

- How is this issue going to be addressed
- Looking for answers within the week in prep for Fall and 20`9
- Each association runs their own league schedule and baseball and softball are unique
- Explanation given on baseball and softball and different sizes for different age groups
- Frustration at not being able to use Latrace field
- Need a 54 mound with 80 ft base and there is no time available
- Fields to be booked on game time only
- The process should be referred to staff and will get answers for the questions raised
- Hold a meeting with the groups and correct problems as they arise.
- Block booking leaves empty fields – who can release these fields
- Jim asked Gregg if the Associations pay for all the time in block booking?
- Fields should be booked for games only
- Do not put all the blame on staff as some of the problems are due to coaches and executive who know fields are available
- Games should be first priority

13. **Sports Awards report** – Terry was working on offsetting team attendance costs and would be looking for a sponsor. Terry asked if anyone could provide him with a potential sponsor to please let him know. Looking at funds of \$1500 from a company or individual. Request for nomination forms to be submitted now as season wrapping up and not to leave it to the fall.

14. **KidSport**

Bob reviewed the numbers and finances to date with 150 applications to date which was 20 more applicants that the same time last year. Grants totalling \$55,000 to the end of May with \$11,000 more in June so a definite increase of funds going to kids in the community.

15. **Facility Needs Assessment Update** – Jim thanked the Committee for the meetings held over the past six months and confirmed that the report would be going to General Purposes Committee on June 18th.

16. **BC Seniors Games/Host**

Jim emphasized the need for a letter of support from the sports groups to include with the Bid package. Roger Barnes was helping out and volunteers were required for the following committees: Darts, Floor Curling, Ice Hockey, Swimming, Trap Shooting, Pickleball, Triathlon. Steve committed to being a part of the Friends of the Games and Bill took on Special Events.

Jim asked that anyone else who would be interested in volunteering, to please let him know.

17. **Trust Fund** – no report.

18.. **Correspondence** – none.

19. **Round table (highlights):**

John: (not at meeting but sent the following):

- spring season is winding down and straight into summer season. That starts in less than two weeks.
- our College Prep team will be playing tomorrow night at Nat Bailey stadium vs Ridge Meadows. 6:30pm start.

Marzena/Nora (Tennis:

- Richmond Open very successful
- Thank you to Gregg and Sammy for fixing problem with drainage
- Under 18 selection series this weekend

Jack:

- Just finished season for the summer
- Starting up again September

Jordan:

- Sport Hosting Grant open and closes June 30th.

Lance:

- End of season for Richmond Field Hockey
- 39th Annual Banquet

Terry:

- Football season finished
- Fall schedule by middle of July

Shari:

- Great support from City during weekend event
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Mike:

- Archery classes going strong
- Cadet groups continue use of facility

Tony:

- Table Tennis National Championship in Burnaby July 3-8

Adrian:

- Wrapping up season
- Won 2 Provincial titles

Mike:

- July 3 BC Soccer Provincial Final using Minoru and Hugh Boyd with 48 teams and 1000 players

Bob:

- BC high school soccer championships – McMath 5th place out of 16

Don:

- Curling Club in summer mode
- Letter of support to RSC re Bid for Senior Games
- RSC Bank Balance \$4,988

Rosemary:

- First week in June Summer Meet with 650 participants

Barb:

- New parking regulations at Riverport for the Arenas
- Summer Registration
- Ammonia Workshop held in May
- Planning underway for 18 tournaments and 5 special events

Bill:

- 34th annual Salmon Festival event June 13th with 500 players
- Lacrosse box in Steveston, no parking at any time – Gregg to follow up

Ivan:

- RCD holding a Garage Sale July 21st with information circulated via email
- Donations requested for Garage Sale
- Lawn Bowling – sand an issue when wind blows together with small loose concrete bits and have to wear a face mask due to health hazard – Gregg to follow up.

No further business.

20. Adjournment 8.45 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting July 10, 2018