



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

**Tuesday March 8, 2011**

Present: Jim Lamond(Chair), Peter Mitchell, Don Fisher, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Dawna Sales, Glenn Kishi, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Gary Rosval, Serj Sangara, Roger Barnes, Don Fennell, Michael Lok, Paul Alexander, Jim Kojima, Michael Crawford, Fred Pawluk, Ivan Wong, Pat Weatherill, Donna Marsland, Vicki Paramanathan, Councillor Bill McNulty, Eric Stepura, Sam Morizawa, Vern Jacques, Mike Romas, (City staff)

Regrets: Dave Semple, Lance Carey, Gerry DeCicco

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

1. Nomination of Executive for 2011

Chair	Jim Lamond
Vice Chair	Roger Barnes
Treasurer	Gary Rosval
Secretary	Peter Mitchell

All accepted by acclamation.

2. Approval of minutes of February 8, 2011

Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Jim Kojima, Carried.

Jim introduced Vicki Paramanathan of Richmond Rockettes who will be Richmond Sports Council's newest member.

3. Business arising from minutes – Nil

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

Councillor McNulty thanked Sports Council for the warm welcome extended to Linda Reid MLA at the last meeting and stated that Alice Wong would like to attend a future meeting. Bill emphasized the necessity to work on the Facilities Task Force report as soon as possible.

The 5 year financial plan had been approved by Council and the only sports facility included in the capital program was the upgrading of the swimming pool. \$500,000 has been committed to the Marine Festival to be held in Steveston on June 3-5, 2011 and both the Steveston Community Society and the Gulf of Georgia Society together with other non profit organizations have stepped forward to

assist in the organization of the festival and to show leadership in the community. To date four ships have confirmed their attendance.

Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy has been accepted by Council and the City have requested a few changes. Terra Nova and Garden City lands were designated as urban and the City has requested that these lands be changed to conservation and recreational. Bill stated that he was also on record that the National Defence lands should be the next acquisition as it would be a buffer to the Nature Park.

### **5. Guest – Bernie Asbell – Lifemark Health**

Bernie introduced himself and the services that Life Mark Sports Medicine would be offering at the Oval. Life Mark provide sports medicine services across Canada with 120 clinics in total. The flagship location in BC would be at the Richmond Oval and would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest clinic in Canada. Opening will take place on April 11, 2011.

Sports medicine services at the Oval would include 3 orthopaedic surgeons, 2 sports medicine physicians, a childhood obesity expert, psychologist, two chiropractors, physiotherapy, naturopathic and Chinese medicine all of which will be available to promote health and wellness in Richmond.

Bernie emphasized that training and workshops in a public format will be offered to sports organizations in Richmond. Information brochures were circulated and Bernie encouraged everyone to visit the LifeMark web site for more detailed information. The personal contact information for Bernie is as follows: Telephone 778 899 1543 and e.mail bernieasbell@lifemarkrichmond.ca. At the conclusion of the presentation, round table introductions took place to raise the awareness of Bernie as to the number of sports organizations represented by Richmond Sports Council.

The Chair recognized Vern Jacques who introduced himself and was attending on behalf of Dave Semple. Vern confirmed that due to a departmental reorganization at the City, he would now be responsible for sports. Vern was attending to ensure that he was up to speed with the activities of Richmond Sports Council.

### **6. Staff Update**

Eric confirmed that the capital projects being undertaken this year by the City included the McMath Field which will be rebuilt and will be closed from the spring break in March and be playable by September 2011, playground equipment at Thompson, 2 basketball courts will be reconfigured to 4 on 4 and will be ready for the Dolphin Park Classic Tournament who will be celebrating their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Eric thanked all the sports organizations that participated in Winterfest for putting on such a great show for the community and requested that should they have any recommendations in regard to the sports component to please let him know.

Vern provided information on the City Centre Community Centre at Minoru and Firbridge which will be named Firbridge Community Centre and would include a Trinity Western Campus in the development. Fall 2013 is the target opening date for the community centre.

## 7. Sports Hosting Update

Mike confirmed that the bid for the Canada West Speed Skating 2012 Championship at the Oval had been submitted and a decision was still pending.

The Canadian Sports Tourism Alliance Annual Conference in 2012 bid had also been submitted and Richmond was short listed. To this end, two representatives would be visiting Richmond on March 9<sup>th</sup> to assess both Richmond and the Oval.

Vern commented on the Richmond Oval Community Consultation Process which would begin in April and everyone would have an opportunity for input. More information will be circulated.

## 8. KidSport

Bob circulated financial statements and thanked city staff for their support. A grant had been received from the City in the amount of \$6090. \$900 had been given out to date this year plus \$3000 allocated at an earlier meeting with 38 applications received in 2011.

Application form and criteria on the City web site will be updated to ensure consistency with the Sports Council web site.

## 9. Trust Fund

Statement of financial information circulated for 2010 and reviewed by Sammy in further detail. Jim confirmed that the Senior Games Legacy Trust Fund will be set up shortly. Gary requested that thought be given to increasing the amount of funds available. Jim stated that this suggestion would be reviewed.

## 10. Sports Awards Banquet

Don Fennell provided information on the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Awards Banquet to be held in May with tickets \$35.00 each or a table for \$210. Nomination forms will be published in the Richmond Review. Eligibility for non residents as long as the nominees belonged to a sports organization in Richmond was discussed and eligibility confirmed.

## 11. Correspondence – Nil.

## 12. Round Table and New Business

Roger distributed information on the RCMP background security checks and explained a new scanner system which would greatly improve the processing time for security checks. After discussion, it was decided that the Sports Council should write a letter to the City and RCMP recommending purchase of a scanner. Vern stated that this could be submitted as an additional level request to Council.

***Motion: That a letter be sent to Mayor and Council to look into the possibility of funding for a scanner for the RCMP to expedite criminal record checks.***

***Moved: Bob Jackson, Seconded: Barbara Norman, Carried.***

- Roger continued by encouraging everyone to provide feedback to the Oval during the community consultation process especially in regard to access
- Richmond Sports Council web site has been updated
- Soccer winter season wraps up
- Peter provided information on the Jimmy Ng Tournament May 26-29
- Annie talked about the competition season with both strong girls and boys programs
- Donna stated that volleyball was moving along. Also wanted to know how the Oval could develop sports
- Paul announced that a 17yr old girl had tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place and won a silver medal in Halifax. BC Airgun championships the same girl shot against the ladies and came 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Serj stated that 160 kids for baseball through the weekend. 260 hours booked so far through the Oval. KidSport received funds. 3 more weeks to go at Oval
- Warren emphasized that baseball is trying to become a year round sport
- Pat expressed his thanks to Linda Reid who had helped in the approval and reconsideration of the grant, not sure yet of amount
- Eric pointed out that an information evening was being held in Surrey in regard to Student Athletic Scholarships at US Universities and would provide more information on request
- Glenn confirmed that the winter season was finishing. Spring season meetings have started and an Invitational Tournament will be held for Grades 9 thru 10
- Tony provided information on the 140 participants for the Table Tennis Tournament at the Oval on March 12 and invited everyone to come along
- Fred commented on the Kajaks event at the Oval the Jerome Indoor Classic on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Vancouver Airport Inn on April 8<sup>th</sup> with 10% of proceeds to KidSport. April 9<sup>th</sup> 5 high schools event at the Oval
- Terry discussed signage the opportunity to partner with industrial companies, more information to be circulated
- Barb confirmed that the Spring Break tournaments have started and confirmed that all heaters are now electric
- Don discussed the Pacific Intl. Cup on April 20 thru 24<sup>th</sup>. The BC winners will go forward to the Dominion 3<sup>rd</sup> National Bonspiel
- Vicki expressed her interest in getting to know everyone and was pleased to be part of sports council
- Michael had been away in Hong Kong and China and commented on the \$1.4M blackbelts in Korea where it is really big business
- Ivan commented on the replacement of trees and due the lack of fencing, beer bottles had been appearing on the turf as well as trespassing

Jim circulated information on a proposed framework for Richmond Communities Games in 2011 where community centres would compete against each other. This event to be held in August. Jim asked for feedback on the idea and he would also approach the community centres to solicit their feedback.

Jim Kojima thought this was a good idea but planning should have started sooner and it may be best to plan for 2012 for this event. It was also suggested that this event be held in one location only i.e. Richmond Oval or Minoru (Similar to the O Zone during the Olympics).

Sports Facilities Task Force meeting to be held Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Meeting Room M.1.003 at Richmond City Hall.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting:            Tuesday April 12, 2011**