



## Richmond Sports Council

**Tuesday May 11, 2021  
at 7.00 pm**

**Via Webex**

**Attendance:** Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Colin Elmes, Gordon Farrell, Sonja Dong, Steve Valenzuela, Scott Stewart, Stu Corrigan, Serj Sangara, Ivan Wong, Kathleen Wong, Nik Nashlund, Rein Weber, Karen Fisher Hagel, Richard Krieck, Jeanne Jensen, Nav Sekhon, Don Fisher, Councillor Bill McNulty, City Staff - Gregg Wheeler

Regrets: Donna Marsland, Lance Carey, Osmond Tsang

1. Call to order at 7.04 pm
2. Approval of minutes from April 2021 – Moved: Jeanne Jensen, Seconded; Don Fisher, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes:

Serj comments:

“I want to thank Gregg, as I was inspired by the links he provided to “Resilience Through Adaption” and “Safe Sport Journey”.

1. When will we see the Field Allocation Policy?
2. King George soccer turf is being replaced....We had some funds available - as recorded 2-3 years ago - to put into the at **Baseball Infield**, we were trying to do awhile back, and while those funds have gone away, we have another entity willing to underwrite \$200,000 towards that project providing we can come to some kind of “partnership agreement” with **the** City to try to recoup that over the expected life cycle of the turf....(Gregg quoted 8 - 10 years, I believe.). we just need to know “the process” and the hurdles to overcome to get there”
3. Related to #2 above, when will we be able to get this **and** other project efforts to the Facility Task Force Committee....(April mins stated it would be prior to May meeting.).

Gregg stated he would respond later in the meeting.

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

The following updates were provided:

- Congratulations to Gymnastics Association re; BC Championships
- Watched soccer and coaches on Saturday mornings developing skills etc.
- Bowling Green will have Public Art installed
- Imperial Landing will be managed by Britannia
- Minoru Lakes under renewal
- Permission to discharge firearms on Sidaway via Vancouver Gun Club
- Steveston Pool will be opened May 21st

**5. Staff Report**

Gregg provided the following information:

- Field Allocation Policy and Administrative Procedures approved by Council and awaiting assignment of Council Policy number before sending out to members
- Turf at King George Park is replacement of regular soccer pitch and not expanding. Pitch was 10 years old and needed replacement. Contract out for bids and also included civil work and drainage.
- Additional requests for King George Park to go through Facilities Task Force
- Facilities Task Force meeting will be scheduled in May
- Richmond High replacement of artificial turf is warranty work and should take 3 to 6 weeks to complete
- No change to current Provincial Health Orders. Scrimmage allowed but many conditions and rules. Skill development and drills only
- Richmond High cross lines for soccer being addressed but there were challenges. This is School Board property and not City property
- Introduction of Richard Kriek from Sports Hosting who would be taking over until Pam Lacroix until her return in October
- Richard introduced himself – 5 years at the Oval and speed skating his passion

Email from Stu Corrigan below for information:

Quick stop and chat with the installation crew at Boyd Field.

Slightly behind schedule, but quality installation and work.

Despite the naysayers about the field installation not being on time, something, I think we, as a Sports Council, will be proud of when it is finished. Quality installation, quality people working on the project.

I spoke with one of the fellows from the company, that installed the original field.

## 6. **Update on Field Policy**

Comments from Serj:

"Given our Society is looking to possibly run some "Free Baseball Programs" again, our questions were in regard to the Associated site amenities being referenced in the Field Allocation Policy.

1. The fields aside, who owns what in regards to batting cages, concessions, fences, etc and who's responsible for repairs.....Especially if more than one group is "sharing" an amenity?
2. Who actually gets to use them, and what's the process of doing so?
3. Can any of the amenities just be bought by another group and moved off the existing facility? (I heard, at one point a couple months ago, a "batting cage" is for sale)...Now I'm hearing, that fences that have never been moved off seasonally (but could be) are being sold off.
4. Should we be predetermining exactly what amenities an organization will be giving up when giving up a city owned facility as a regular user?

Gregg responded that individual sports groups owned batting cages, fences etc. and they could not be purchased.

## 7. **Wall of Fame**

Stu referenced the last meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> and thanked Gregg and Claudia for their input. One hour meeting only with review of applications. Challenges being experienced with lack of information provided and Stu emphasized that as much information as possible be included in future applications. It was confirmed that all applications have been extended for one year. Nomination Ceremony date yet to be confirmed. Deadline for 2022 is December 30, 2021.

## 8. **KidSport**

Bob confirmed that 2021 funds approved for 63 for a total of \$28,617 which was 50% less of what would have been approved prior to Covid.

For the last seven (7) years, the largest annual fundraiser for KidSport™ Richmond has been the **Creating Community Champions Gala** that was hosted by the **Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel**. Due to the COVID Provincial Health Orders, hotels have not been able to host a banquet for over 14 months.

Steve provided information on KidSport awareness via social media with Rob Fey? Pod Casts and encouraged everyone to listen to athlete interviews also included in the Pod Casts.

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KidSport™ Richmond has still been providing grants of up to \$700 for registration fees per year for children from financially challenged families in Richmond for the remainder of 2020 and throughout 2021.

For a fundraiser, on **Wednesday, May 19th**, the **M&M Food Market**, at the southeast corner of Francis and Gilbert Roads, will donate to KidSport™ Richmond 100% of the store's profits on this day.

## 9. **Announcements**

Richmond Curling Club continue to conduct maintenance operations and are hopeful our 2021/2022 physical year will be allowed to open this fall. Our management staff albeit reduced are working hard to generate rental opportunities and secure league teams for this next stage.

### Financials. R.S.C.

Dues are due firstly for 2020 fiscal year (19 members unpaid) .

Dues are due for 2021 and only two clubs have paid to date.(Richmond Curling Club and Richmond Lacrosse Association)

Richmond Sports Council chequing account as at May 11/21 \$3,089.90.

Don Fisher, Treasurer

### Message from Lance Carey

I am in my role as Safety Supervisor this evening. It is a good protocol. The girls know who I am and are very good at wearing their Mask and Distancing on the field of play and walking to and from the parking lot. Hand sanitizer is provided and used before and after practice.

The Club recently had their AGM and there is a good slate of Directors but the Club has not persons willing to take on the roles of President or Vice-President. This could be a problem but I will leave it for them to solve. I am thinking of the Societies Act.

## 10. **Adjournment** at 7.45 pm

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Jim Lamond, Chair

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Nora Wright, Recorder

**Next virtual meeting – Tuesday June 8, 2021**