

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL

November 9, 2009

7:00 pm

Richmond City Hall

Meeting Room M.2.004

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Winnie Hon, Annie Watson, Pat Weatherhill, Willie Wu, Jeff Lightfoot, Lance Carey, Lawrence Talbot, Frank Classen, Barbara Norman, Sandra Nass, Linda Leaming, Patti Maartin, Don Fisher, Bal Grewal, Rosemary Nickerson, Peter Mitchell, Bob Jackson, Jack Hamilton, Eric Stepura, Gary Young, Mike Romas (City staff)

1) Guests: John Yap MLA, Rob Howard MLA

Both MLAs explained the rationale in regard to the funding cuts to the sporting groups. With the recession tough choices had to be made and Health care receives 0.45 cents of each budget dollar. Unprecedented fiscal challenges 3 years deficits and revenues with priority being health, education and youth.

Round table comments as follows:

1. MLA are elected to represent our constituents.
2. Sports groups are run by volunteers and are the best bargain. Health costs would be a lot more if kids did not play sports.
3. Sports groups received little or no notice and many were in their fiscal year when funding was scaled back.
4. Concern expressed that Gaming Fund to go to social goals is now diverted to general revenue (Govt. slush fund)
5. Concern about further deeper impacts with HST in July and the need for offsets for worthy groups.

2) Approval of minutes of October 13, 2009 – Moved: Pat Weatherill, Seconded: Lance Carey. Carried.

It was noted that minutes and agendas should go to all member groups not just those in attendance.

3) Business Arising from minutes – Nil.

4) Presentation by Gary Young of Olympic experience, legacy and venue opportunities. There will be 12 events at the Oval over 17 days. Alternative transportation will be encouraged to access the Oval and the O Zone. Traffic impacts in Richmond largely avoidable by most in Richmond. Banners will be on display with signage, landscaping, lights, Arts Showcase. Business to business hosting will be encouraged. To date there are 1342 volunteers with

Community Partners including School District, Tourism Richmond, Volunteer Richmond with programs including Spirit of 2010, Paint the Town Red and Own the Podium. The Torch Relay will be in town February 9th. Mayor has sent out a letter in regard to the Olympic Ticket Opportunity draw with November 30th being the deadline for applications.

Gary continued by providing an O Zone overview which will include City Hall, "BC Street" and a main stage including 2 large screens, outdoor ice rinks, Holland Heineken House with hours of operation being Monday to Friday 3 pm to 11 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 11 pm. O Zone area is free to the public, however, there will be a Club O Zone for private suites, executive lounges etc. More information can be found on www.richmondozone.com

5) Facilities – Eric Stepura

Eric introduced Mike Romas who is the new Sports Hosting Manager and as a result the City will be hosting more sporting events. Mike would like to meet with the key sports council members to discuss grant opportunities. Eric was questioned on baseball training and Eric committed to following up.

Jim thanked everyone for their help in making the Seniors Games such a success, there were over 1200 volunteers. Jim thanked the City for all their assistance.

6) Kidsport – 171 applications received , 63 funded and 23 denied, remaining are waiting for funds. \$8800 paid and \$8600 require funds. City of Richmond grant application has been submitted. Provincial Kidsports has stated that they have no money but advertising for requests.

7) Trust Fund - healthy has three applications and a meeting is scheduled for Friday Nov. 13th.

8.) Richmond Oval – Conversion process business plan underway with request to the City for additional funds.

9.) Round Table:

- Soccer – Men/Womens B Cup Nov. 28-29th. ??
- Vancouver Fastball Championships and Minoru Oval
- Gymnastics – Jr. Pan Am championship in Brazil, one member selected
- Baseball – Rmd hosting Baseball Canada meetings next year. Has submitted info to Oval
- Rmd Minor Hockey – condensed season (Olympics) fully underway
- Eric noted the staff changes at City Hall, Cathy Carlile, General Manager of Community Services, Jeff Day, General Manager of Rmd Olympic Business Office. Cathy filling in for Jeff due to his sick leave. Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks & Recreation – office at Works Yard
- Field Hockey - #2 daughter, new president
- Seafair – up Prov. Tier 1 Bantam tourney March
- Field Lacrosse – Jambioree this weekend. Bantam Provincials coming
- Money missing from Softball BC. All Sports to verify accounts quarterly

Next meeting: Tuesday December 8, 2009