



Tuesday November 9, 2010

Present: Jim Lamond(Chair), Ivan Wong, Peter Mitchell, Fred Pawluk, Peter Mitchell, Roger Barnes, Barbara Norman, Bob Jackson, Dan Marriott, Paul Alexander, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Jeff Lightfoot, Terry Kehoe, Bob Jackson, Ivan Wong, Glenn Kishi, Linda Leaming, Councillor Bill McNulty, Eric Stepura, Paul Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets: Donna Marsland, Don Fisher, Gary Rosval.

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

1. Approval of October 12, 2010 minutes – Pat Weatherill/Annie Watson/Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – nil.
3. Introduction of guests, John Yap MLA and Rob Howard MLA, Gerry DeCicco

John Yap MLA

Mr. Yap praised the sports volunteers for their contribution throughout the year and continued by making reference to the change in funding to sports groups which was of great concern, however, there had been tough financial times for the province and now that things had improved economically, some funding had been restored with emphasis on youth and sports. Mr. Yap explained that there were still limited resources available and he had attended the meeting to provide an update and to learn everyone's views and get a better sense of how things are in the sports area.

A question and answer period followed:

Pat – old groups merged and formed one association Richmond City Baseball and now we are considered a new group and are at the bottom of the list for funding. We were told not to apply as no new groups were being given funding. Now we are unable to offer programs as a result. There was no appeal allowed either. John Yap committed to follow up on this as “there should not be a penalty over a technicality”.

Roger – our instalment of funding was gratifying, however, is there a potential for a three year arrangement or other processes similar to PAC with a dollar figure attached? Or may be convert to a per child basis? Also it would be beneficial if potential fee funding could be known ahead

of time so that better planning can take place as this would be a help with registration. "Registration is down a bit". Rob Howard responded that stability is as important as funding levels and that message has come across.

Jim - enquired about the Sports Hosting Program of \$1M promoted by the Province. Both MLAs were unaware of the details.

Peter – funding for non youth groups is still not available, will there be anything in the future? John Yap stated he was not aware of a review.

Bob - \$130,000 for BC School Sports was cut and not returned which resulted in us working out of an empty classroom in Maple Ridge and has been downloaded throughout the schools. Fees are added on if a child wants to play for a school team and this has an effect on the local community.

No further questions. Jim thanked the MLAs for their attendance.

Gerry DeCicco, Senior Manager, Richmond Olympic Oval

Gerry thanked everyone for the invitation to the meeting and continued by explaining the Oval transformation and that there was still a long way to go as there were a number of conversions. There will be a report to Council shortly with regard to the surplus on the construction budget. Gerry expressed the desire to engage with the sports groups and how they can be served as they move forward and would be prepared to host a meeting with regard to the Oval and sports hosting etc..

Questions followed:

Terry – were the hours allocated that were offered last year?

Gerry – filled completely.

Terry – can you provide a summary breakdown of customers, community versus private membership?

Gerry – by far its community.

Fred – what is rental rate for use of track?

Gerry – rates are dependant upon variables, please make arrangements to meet with me.

Peter – are there standard rates?

Gerry – this can be done now

Barbara – are there rates for kids, as unable to afford at present?

Gerry – more than happy to talk about this. We are looking at what sells and what does not sell. We may have "sales" in the future.

Tony – when is grand opening of the Oval?

Gerry – a report is being written to council as to how this is going to happen, may be a grand opening during Winterfest 2011

Barb – can something be done about the 20 minutes parking as drop off needs to be addressed?

Gerry – a ticket system will be in place for drop off. Parking price has been reduced.

Barb – parking is expensive.

Gerry – parking is available at River Road and Hollybridge. Parking is also available for over height vehicles with prior arrangement

Jim – tournament request and discussions with the Oval took from May until October before this was referred to RACA to obtain a preferred rate, why did this take so long? Should be able to come up with a price for sports groups in Richmond as this is a community building. I am annoyed that this is happening. We need to attract business.

Gerry – we need to be true to the process and be fair and transparent.

Jim – should be an up to date price list for seniors and youth for Richmond groups and you should attend Sports Council meetings more often

Bob – do people outside of Richmond pay the same rate as Richmond residents?

Gerry – Yes, membership rates are the same

Bob – I have a problem with that. Is there a reciprocal arrangement with other municipalities?

Gerry – I do not know the answer to that.

Bob – subsidize people from other jurisdictions ...I have a problem with this.

Roger – with regard to the pricing structure, there is a grey area between 4 pm to 6 pm which is not being taken up by Richmond groups. The Richmond Oval Board and City Council need to decide on price and direction and things will improve in the future. Liaison between the Oval and the sports groups is necessary, we need to work together and be flexible.

Barb – what is the mechanism for the \$128 per hour offering to the sports groups and what time slots are available?

Gerry – please talk with us.

Sammy – could you let Sports Council know via e.mail when time slots are available?

Gerry – weekly deals could be circulated. In response to a question, it was confirmed that on line bookings are not yet available.

No further questions.

4. Council Report

Councillor McNulty confirmed that a liaison from Council would be appointed on the Board of the Oval Corporation and have a seat on the Board.

Richmond Sports Hall of Fame is being looked into and staff have been directed to report back on this.

Councillor McNulty complimented staff and Sports Council on the “Sport for Life” report and confirmed that this was endorsed unanimously. This was an ambitious model and will be circulated to the provincial government and the Richmond School Board.

Councillor McNulty recommended that a Facilities Task Force be established and referred to the priority list for facilities from 2007 which needed to be updated. It was important that we work together and support each other.

5. Introduction of Guest

Shafik Chernovsky, Group Sales Manager from the Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express introduced himself and confirmed that his group of hotels would like to be used a resource for tournaments.

His group are already in partnership with Sport BC and would like the opportunity to be able to provide better rates for tournaments including out of town travel. Please use our hotel connections and especially during the weekends as that is when space is very much available.

6. **Staff Update**

Eric commented on the truly outstanding Sport for Life Strategy and that Sports Council would be the watchdogs to ensure this happens together with the support of staff, School District and the Community Associations. Implementation of the strategy has already started and a background flyer was circulated for information. Eric confirmed that target dates have been set for the strategy.

Winterfest will be held on February 12-13, 2011 at the Oval and will be an opportunity to showcase sports. Eric requested that each sports group let him know how much space would be required and a plan will be available at the December meeting.

Jim confirmed that the Richmond Sports Council office is now open at Minoru Pavilion for use of members and the telephone number will be confirmed at a later date.

7. **Sports Hosting Update**

A year end report will be going to Council in January 2011. Sports Council members will have an opportunity to review the report.

8. **KidSport**

Bob circulated financial statements for information and confirmed that 66% of applicants were approved, 21% denied (outside Richmond) and 13% were pending at present as forms were incomplete. 196 applications have been received to date and will surpass the number of applications in 2009.

8. **Trust Fund** – no report.

9. **Correspondence** - none.

10. **Round Table**

- Futsal Fiesta to be held 2nd week January 2011 at the Oval
- Fall shoot for Juniors qualifying for Canada Winter Games, won
- Award for Official of the Year 2009 to Paul Alexander
- Field Lacrosse 20 teams tournament, McMath and Boyd school teams
- Baseball Canada Convention, Richmond won Association of the Year Award
- Trust fund – please submit applications

- Sports Awards Dinner May 5, 2011. Tickets \$35
- Kajaks Annual Awards Banquet, thanks to Jim and Bill for attending, 50th Anniversary in 2011 – April 8, 2011 dinner
- Canada Open table tennis championship Nov. 19-21
- Arena now has a door between the two rinks
- Rmd Minor Hockey tournament 49 teams. Hockey Development Program, facility at Golds Gym
- Rmd Centre has donated funds to KidSport
- Bowling Provincials held July/August, 3 bronze, 4 silver and 4 gold medals won
- Fall sports are winding down. Teams are doing very well. Gearing up for winter season
- Barb Norman thanked Sports Council for helping them obtain time at the Rmd Oval.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday December 14, 2010