



Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Roger Barnes, Bill Alexander, Paul Alexander, Jack Hamilton, Bob Jackson, Warren Karsgaard, Dan Marriott, Donna Marsland, Barbara Norman, Gary Rosval, Serj Sangara, Tony Shaw, Annie Watson, Pat Weatherhill, Peter Mitchell
Paul Morizawa, Eric Stepura (City), Mike Romas (Sport Hosting), Glen Kishi (SD 38)

Regrets: Councillor Bill McNulty **Guests:** Wendy Steadman, Dave Semple (Director Parks & Rec.)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of September 14, 2010 minutes.
Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Pat Weatherill, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – None.
3. Guest – None
4. Sports For Life Discussion - No additional comment on prior final changes.
Motion: That the document be endorsed and proceed to the Park & Recreation Oct. 26 meeting.
Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Pat Weatherall, Carried.
5. Staff Update - Eric - No report. Smoking Bylaw - Signs needed at park entrances and all sports fields. Can add more signs in parks as needed. Signs must include bylaw number.
6. Sports Hosting - Mike - Asked about Sport Hosting Form. No concerns about form expressed by members. Opportunity to suggest grant rules changes upcoming. Suggestion to reduce 20 room night per event requirement to encourage groups with smaller and recurring events. National Tai Kwan Do tournament Nov. 12, National Fencing tournament, Broomball tournament upcoming at the Oval. A Baseball Canada Convention will be examined by committee.
7. Richmond Sports Facilities Committee - The last committee effort was approximately 10 years ago. A committee will be formed to update needs based on current needs and trends. Concern was expressed that this should be done in coordination with the City to ensure that the City supports the result. Once Sports for Life is endorsed in late October then this committee can be formed. The City would look at parks, local activities, and sports at local and school facilities.
8. KidSport Richmond – To October in 2010 there have to date been 185 applications, and 130 approvals with a few pending. Peter Quevillon from KidSport was tonight's guest. In 2009 \$18,000 was spent, and this year \$26,000 (including 2009's surplus). A few more potential funding sources are being approached including Telus and the City of Richmond. KidSport Richmond funds up to \$150 /child for Richmond kids in provincially sanctioned sports, now including school sports. The application adjudicator must be a professional, at arms length from the applicant, and able to confirm the applicant's financial need.
9. Trust Fund - No report.
10. Correspondance - None.
11. Round Table and New Business –
 - 1 Glen - SD 38 Sports – They are doing their best but cutbacks have had impact.
 - 2 Sammy - The Richmond Sports Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 5, 2011.

- 3 Annie - Gymnastics is working with the City to get heat, signage, and light in a dark area. 2 gymnasts on the 5 member Commonwealth Games bronze medal winning team train here.
- 4 Paul - The Rod & Gun BC Championships are at Sportstown, Nov. 3-5.
- 5 Serj - Baseball Open House pilot at the Oval this Sunday.
- 6 Pat - Dogs using ballparks at Blundell Field. Trying to get National Girls ID camp in early Nov. Richmond City Baseball named baseball association of the year (of 50 in BC).
- 7 Bob - Sports Council prior policy again circulated and to Michael Gillis regarding elementary PE for discussion. Policy resolves conflicts for youth playing multiple sports.
- 8 Tony - South Arm table tennis terminated due to school district budget cut staffing impacts. The program had operated 30 years and produced many Canadian champions. The Oval and Chinese Table Tennis Federation signed an MOU. 10 tables have been open since August and 16 new ones are arriving soon from China.
- 9 Gary - Richmond Girls Softball held 28 invitational tournaments, 4 provincial tournaments, and a western final tournament. Games are played at Steveston-London and McNair and they had to turn away teams this year due to demand outstripping facilities.
- 10 Barbara - RACA-RMHA has studied physical plant, and is making some minor renovations. Richmond Ball Hockey is being considered for addition to the RACA Board.
- 11 Wendy - The Richmond Minor Hockey midget international tournament which hosts teams from all over North America would like to use the Oval and consolidate the tournament in Richmond generating more recognition for Richmond. It would mean more money spent in the Oval and Richmond malls and hotels (over 2000 room nights). Unfortunately the Oval ice quote is ~\$206/hr vs ~\$75/hr in adjacent municipalities. This additional \$6,000 ice cost is untenable for the tournament, and would force games outside Richmond. Minoru Arena seating and parking are also superior features to that available at the Oval.
- 12 Jack - Rugby is enjoying the new East Richmond grass fields, and a big membership upswing.
- 13 Mike - School district tournaments with hotel nights may apply for sports hosting grants too.
- 14 Eric - Thank you everyone for your input, and please support the Sport for Life strategy October 26, 4 pm at the Parks & Rec. meeting at City Hall, Anderson Room.
- 15 Roger - Lottery grants would like to return to 3 year funding arrangements. There is contemplation of moving to \$\$/youth (like school PAC's) perhaps as early as next year. Government may increase funding for provincial sports organizations, but is considering moving to results based funding (like that for the recent Olympics). The goal is 25% of athletes on national teams, though BC population is half that. There is thought of 4-6 pm programs getting funding, including community centres but only for under 18's. Richmond Soccer is considering a pilot project for coaching for community associations.
- 16 Peter - A Richmond wrestler won Gold at the Commonwealth Games. There isn't a Richmond Sports Hall of Fame to display it. South Arm Basketball courts opened within the past month and have been busy ever since. Vulnerable sector screening of those working with youth, seniors, and the disabled was in the news recently. Brighthouse School (west of Minoru Park) is under construction. Some fields are planned to be replaced by landscaping and community gardens. Submissions to the community calendar should be in.
12. Adjournment - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.
13. **The next meeting will be Tuesday November 9, 2010.**

Peter Mitchell, Secretary