



# Richmond Sports Council

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**Tuesday October 9, 2018**

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Serj Sangara Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff), Tony Shaw, Bill Shayler, Kim Seaborn, ,Karen Fisser Hagel , Ivan Wong, ,, Donna Marsland, Bob Riddell, Shari Rogers  
Rosemary Nickerson, Scott Stewart Jack Hamilton John Braaten Nik Nashlund,

Regrets: Barb Norman, Sanjeet Sadana, Stu Corrigan Steve Valenzuela Warren Karsgaard, Jeanne Jensen Lance Carey, Jordan Mottl, Mike Thorne, Kathleen Wong, Councillor Bill McNulty

1. Call to order at 7.00 pm..
2. Approval of minutes from September 11 , 2018 with amendment to change Dug Out Club to Little League under Round Table– Moved: Donna Marsland, Seconded Don Fisher, Carried.
3. **Business arising from minutes** – none.

**Guests:** Glenn Kishi and Ed Gavsie from the Sister City Committee who provided the following information:

- Opportunities and encouragement for sport exchanges
  - Will help to set up relationships with sports groups
  - Invitations to tournaments and events would add International flavour
  - All kinds of sports not just the martial arts
  - Sister City would like to act as a conduit for sport exchanges and host dinners
4. **Council Update** – no report.
  5. **Staff Report**

Gregg provided the following information:

- Recreation software changing from Class to Perfect Minds and staff are being trained
- Open House Recreation and Sports Strategy Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Minoru Oval field lighting working with contractor and switch over from lighting system will be October 22 to October 26<sup>th</sup> when field will not be available. Construction site lighting will be available for the track and Soccer will be cancelled
- Minoru fields 2 and 3 available

Serj enquired about the Field Allocation review and Gregg responded that the current policy would apply. Gregg to supply a copy of the policy to Serj which would include a rental request form. Serj asked what was available for booking in 2019 and who has paid for what as the Dug Out Club do not want to be kicked off a field again. Gregg responded that when a field booking is made a hard copy of the rental agreement is sent to the relevant group.

6.. **Concussion Report** – none.

7. **Discover Your Sport** – none

8. **Wall of Fame** – thank you to staff for a very well organized event.

9. **Sport Hosting Update**

September Event Recap:

ISU Jr Grand Prix of Figure Skating

From September 12-15th, Richmond experienced the benefits of hosting the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Championships. Congratulations to all who were involved, the Connaught Skating Club, local volunteers and facility staff came together to produce an exceptional event in just 90-days. This event was also the opportunity to inspire young skaters who were able to see the elite competition on their home ice. Also the NextGen Program was hosted in conjunction, and was another opportunity for skaters to be mentored by many of Skate Canada's world-famous judges and specialists.

Taekwondo Canada Open

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A tremendous success for Taekwondo Canada, with over 800 athletes from 32 countries including Mexico, India, Jamaica, Brazil and the US.

#### Richmond Jets River Rock Ice Breaker

Happened this past weekend, congratulations to the Richmond teams who were highly successful in the tournament.

#### Upcoming Events:

Pacific Coast Female Rep Hockey Tournament and the Snowball Classic hosted at the Sheraton.

#### Updates:

Unfortunately Richmond was unsuccessful in the bid for the 2019 Canada Table Tennis Championships, 2020 are still up for discussion.

The bid for the Sport Event Congress 2021 decision is still in waiting, the decision committee came back to us with some clarification questions so we anticipate we are shortlisted.

#### Grant Reminder:

Just a reminder that the last grant intake of 2018 is open until October 31st.

Eligible events are hosted between January 1 - December 31st, 2019.

Apply online here: <http://richmondsporthosting.ca/grants/>

### 10. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob confirmed that the 2019 event would be held March 1, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel and the new Chair was Steve Valenzuela. Planning meetings to begin shortly.

### 11. **Sports Awards**

Terry confirmed that he had re-established contact with McMath school who had agreed to host the event in 2019 to be held either April 25<sup>th</sup> or May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Terry referred to his request for help for nomination information re the circulated list.

### 12. **KidSport**

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Bob circulated financial information and statistics and stated that \$105,000 in grants had been approved to date which was an increase from 2017. Third Edition of. KidSport newsletter circulated. Profit from banquet was \$49,000.

### 13. **BC Seniors Games Bid**

Jim announced that Richmond had been awarded the BC 55+ Games for September 15-19, 2020.

Victoria in 2021 and Abbotsford in 2022. Heartfelt thanks from Chair to Bill and Roger for putting this winning bid together.

14. **Trust Report** – Sammy reminded everyone to complete applications before the end of the year.

15. **Correspondence** – none.

### 16. **Round Table**

Jeanne – Richmond Tennis Club (not at meeting but forwarded the following)

- RTC's Open House was a big success. Thank you to the Mayor and Councillors who attended.
- Bubble went up last Wed.
- Public court times are available. Please check the Richmond Tennis Club website for details.

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Kathleen – Richmond Field Hockey (not at meeting but submitted the following):

- Senior league off to good start
- Junior season registration December
- AGM January 2019

Ivan – Rmd Committee on Disability –

- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Gala – information distributed
- Lawn Bowling AGM October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am

Rosemary – Aquatics

- Watermania down in September for maintenance
- Club practice at Steveston during September
- Winter Swim at Watermania

**Don – Curling:**

- We have ice!
- Leagues have started
- New permanent full time staff

**RSC bank balance \$3248.99**

- Don identified the groups that had not yet paid their annual fee membership

**John – RCBA**

- Exhibition next week end
- Winter training

**Bob – KidSport**

- provided details on funds received to date

**Nik – RSD**

- Looking forward to winter season
- Want to maintain a good relationship with RSC
- Encourage kids to play sports

**Karen/Avril – Kajaks**

- Challenge with track
- Cross country season
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Ice breaker 8km run with 1 km run for Kids with proceeds to KidSport

**Terry – Football:**

- Football includes Island teams and as far away as Chilliwack so travel is a challenge
- Delta Day Festival accommodating Cowichan team travel

**Kim – Girls Soccer**

- Thanksgiving Tournament this past weekend at Boyd with 34 teams
- Thank you to the City for this tournament
- 4 referees went to Nationals
- Girls Soccer is on the rise

## Scott – Rockets Speed Skating

- Skaters at the Oval Clinic working with National team
- Starting new season with new Richmond coach

## Jack – Rugby

- Season in full swing
- School program going well

## Mike – Soccer

- Soccer going well so far
- Thanksgiving Tournament 100 teams

## David – Rmd Olympic Oval

- In charge of Facility bookings
- Working with other sports groups i.e. Rmd City Baseball
- October 14 Special Olympics with Rmd Fire Rescue Basketball game

## Serj – Dug Out Club

- The Dugout Club held it's AGM on Oct. 6th / 2018.
- Items of note - related to RSC and/or Parks & Rec discussions throughout the year - were:

1. Agreed we'd continue to help run a few introductory Baseball programs through the Community Centres and schools by supplying both equipment and Instructors - and help out in any other way we can - to support the East Rmd area and outwards.

2. Having put countless hours - and approx \$12,000 - over the last few years to bring an alternative baseball program to East Rmd specifically, I've been **asked to** review our commitment there in light of the hurdles that are continually being put in place..... Those being both park accessibility and shortage of deliverables on some "agreed to" items with the City.

Needless to say, that wasn't really helpful in furthering the understanding of what the "Field Booking Policy" is at the present time or what it could look like going forward.

The choices are to step back and let things play out as poorly as they have in the past when we've offered unheeded advice.....or we soldier on and continue to

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bring light to opportunities that continue to develop out there in the “baseball community at large”.

Other than that, we had a really good year helping out in various programs - such as Discover Your Sport, KidSport initiatives, Sports Awards, etc - and will continue to look for further opportunities in diamond sports as they present themselves throughout the Province.

No further business with adjournment at 8.10 pm

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Jim Lamond, Chair

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Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

**Next meeting November 13, 2018 at City Hall**  
**Usual meeting room**