



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday September 11, 2012

Present: Jim Lamond, (Chair), Bob Jackson, Don Fennell, Ann Hayes, Warren Karsgaard, Trevor Rennie, Annie Watson, Tony Shaw, Terry Kehoe, Serj Sangara, Jeff Lightfoot, Barbara Norman, Ivan Wong, Don Fisher, Michael Crawford, Jeff Lightfoot, Glenn Kishi, Gary Stewart, Sam Morizawa, Paul Bath, (City staff), Jennifer Scott (Sport Hosting) Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Donna Marsland, Mike Romas, Sanjeet Sandana

Guest: Linda Reid MLA.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2012
Moved: Barbara Norman, Seconded: Jeff Lightfoot, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Guest – Linda Reid MLA**

Linda thanked everyone for the invitation to attend and should there be any questions in regard to the gaming grants to please email her office. It was also pointed out that further grants will be available shortly with an announcement to be made within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

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

Bill congratulated everyone on the Discover your Sport Day which was very well done and enjoyed by youngsters and parents. An additional thank you to Don Fennell for promoting this event in the local newspaper.

Maritime Festival was held during the summer and proved to be very popular. Dragon Boat Festival was held with 65 teams competing and the enthusiasm and excitement was fantastic. Bill confirmed that there will be a new park Kawaki at the foot of No. 2 Road at London Landing and the bike park will be relocated.

September 18th a luncheon will be held at the Executive Inn with guest speaker Arjan Bhullar. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce. This is the first luncheon in a proposed series on how businesses can help Olympic athletes. Jennifer enquired if future speaking events could possibly include a donation of \$5 or so to KidSport and Bill responded that this would not be done at present but was a good idea.

Bill thanked everyone for inviting him to tournaments over the summer.

Bill emphasized the importance for the Facilities Task Force Report to be submitted within the next 6 weeks to the City as the City's budget process was currently underway.

Bill stated it was disappointing that the bid for the BC Summer Games was not approved, however, that was the final decision of Council on a 5 to 4 vote on staff recommendation.

5. Staff Update – no report. Vern Jacques is on vacation.

6. Sport Hosting Update

Jennifer provided information on the CrossFit Games event. Annie confirmed that she had been meeting with the PSO in regarding to bringing Rhythmic Gymnastics to Richmond.

7. BC Summer Games Update

Jim stated how difficult it was to talk about the bid process and the City's rejection as a lot of hard work had gone into the preparation for the bid. A letter had been sent to Mayor and Council in April asking for support but nothing was heard back and then it was in the Richmond News in July "Games shut down". Jim continued that Bob, Peter and himself had attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to express their views despite the staff recommendation that the "Games be declined". Then the bid was referred back to staff to work with Sports Council on the possibility of hosting the Games, however, following a vote by Council of 4:4 it was then deferred again until a final council member was contacted by teleconference and the vote became 5:4 against putting forward a bid to host the games. Jim was very disappointed as was Bob who had put in a lot of work to prepare information for the bid. Jim thanked Mike Romas and Jennifer Scott for the marvellous job they had done in putting it together.

Bob continued by thanking Sammy and Ross Sakai who had donated a lot of their time gathering information for the bid process. Big thank you also to Councillor McNulty for his support.

Don Fisher asked for a round of applause for all those involved on the committee working on the bid.

Serj asked "what can we learn from this" as staff should have supported the bid. This generated a lot of discussion between members.

8. KidSport

Bob circulated financial information and continued by reviewing the details. It was noted that funds are lacking at present but more revenue is expected shortly. May need to drop down to \$150 in the future should funds not materialize.

Bill suggested that a City Grant be applied for in the amount of \$10,000. Bill also questioned the high ratio of funds given to soccer i.e. 54 out of the 160. Bob explained that soccer was the most popular and largest sport in Richmond and also some groups were much better than others in getting this information out to their members. Bill suggested that financial limits be capped and Terry confirmed that guidelines are already in existence.

Linda Reid suggested that a Legacy Fund be established and offered her assistance. Terry will work with Linda and the Richmond Foundation in this regard. Bob asked Linda about the BC Government Grant for KidSport.

Bob confirmed that there had been an increase of 35% in applications over 2011.

9. **Trust Fund** – no report.

10. **Discover Your Sport Day**

Jim thanked everyone for participating in what was a very successful event and enjoyed by over 300 parents and kids. Jim circulated the passports that were used for information. Jim promised that this event would be bigger and better next year. Annie requested that the date be confirmed earlier in 2013 due to vacation scheduling.

11. **Correspondence** – none.

12. **Round Table** – highlights

- Bob suggested that as the Olympics and Paralympics have finished that wheelchair rugby should be recognized via the Don Fennell for their contribution to Richmond and Canada
- Sammy will be looking for nominees for the Sports Awards by January 2013
- Bob informed everyone that BC Sports would be holding a sector meeting for an update on the delivery system of sports in the province on Sept. 20th
- Paul Brar talked about the clean up program offered by the City. Signs were erected acknowledging participation e.g. Richmond Seafair minor hockey had just completed a major clean up in Steveston. Paul encouraged groups to take part in clean ups that take place once or twice a year
- Ann reported on a fundraiser for KidSports at Watermania planned for Feb 8, 2013
- Baseball – thanks were given to Jim, Bill for attending the wrap up and a huge thank you to Sammy and his crew for preparing the fields and to fastball for the field
- Serj – thank you to Bill and Jim for attending the All Star game and to Warren and Trevor.

- Terry – BC Lions have a BC KidsSport promotion and information will be circulated shortly. This event will be held on Oct. 19th at 7 pm at a BC Lions Game
- Jeff – Richmond Minor Hockey back on the ice.
- Glenn – school is back and hopefully normal again
- Rapids – Watermania have a six week close down so practicing at Steveston Outdoor Pool
- Don – Curling is up an running. Clinics are being held and an open house. Don suggested a fun night for Sports Council to come out and enjoy curling – this suggestion will be followed up by Don
- Annie – Richmond Gymnastics registrations taking place, unsure of numbers at present. Met with new CEO of Gymnastics BC and expressed interest in hosting of 2014 championships. Sept. 23rd two gymnasts going to Hungary to compete in Hungarian Grand Prix in preparation for 2016
- Barb – RACA AGM Sept. 18th at 7 pm. Ice is back in. Negotiated with Oval for next year, more ice, 47 hours in total – a lot of money involved but there is no choice. Have to turn kids away, no ice. Ringettes will have a national team called “BC Thunder”. Connaught Benefit show Jan. 2013. Mike Romas has asked for support for 2016 World Championship Canada Adult Recreational Hockey World Cup (160 teams) Renovations have taken place over summer. Arena held an Open House over 1000 attended. Camps held at Riverport
- Rugby – proposal to the club from the City to develop King George 1. Season is August thru May, field is closed April to October. Artificial turf has been proposed and would like to discuss this more at the next meeting. Rugby 7 – 8 Internationals, could be world class facility with artificial turf field. Attended World Master Games, Richmond has the potential to host these games
- Ivan – Lawn Bowling, over 35 police officers from Australia had 2 games on June 23rd followed by dinner. Provincials held July 27-29 with members winning silver and gold medals. Canadian Championship held in Regina and one gold medal won.
- Bill – City grants are available. Council will be holding a workshop on facilities very soon so please submit your report quickly. Bill encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Nora Wright
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday October 9, 2012