



# Richmond Sports Council

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**Tuesday September 13, 2016**

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa, Stu Corrigan, Serj Sangara, Don Fennell, Ivan Wong, Shari Rogers, Jared Hulme, Warren Kasgaard, Jack Hamilton John Braaten, Donna Marsland, Kim Seaborn, Mike Thorne, Bill Shayler, Al Groff, Barry Riva, Noleen Mueller, Matt Eng, Tanya Donaldson

Regrets: Barb Norman, Councillor Bill McNulty

Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm

1. Approval of July 12, 2016 minutes – Moved: Don Fisher, Seconded: Ivan Wong, Carried.
2. Business arising – Nil.
3. **Staff Update**

Gregg confirmed that the City was in the process of hiring a consultant to start up a Recreation and Sport Strategy and more information would be available within the next 2 months. In response from a question from the Chair, Gregg responded that groups and individuals from the sporting community would be contacted to provide input. The strategy would be a year long process.

Gregg provided an update on Latrace field and the challenges being experienced with the storm sewer lines. This was a work in progress and Gregg stated he would provide more updates as received.

Gregg stated that Richmond High had the artificial turf replaced over the summer with more work yet to be done on fences. In response to a question from the Chair, Gregg confirmed that the field play would be available for soccer, field hockey and lacrosse.

#### 4. **Minoru Park Update**

Gregg stated that the walls for the Minoru Complex were starting to take shape as well as the work on the new No. 1 Fire hall.

#### 5. **Wall of Fame**

Bob reported that the committee was dormant at present. A report had been submitted in July and accepted by Council. Date has yet to be set for induction. Bob confirmed that he had not received a written response from Council, only verbal.

6. **Discover Your Sport** – no report.

Chair made reference to the World Festival Event and some sports being showcased but not all and that all sports should have the opportunity to participate. Gregg responded that the focus was on multi cultural and art. Jim stated that there should be an equitable process and invitation to other sports groups which would make it more special.

7. **Sport Hosting Update**

Matt reported on the following:

- WFTDA Roller Derby Tournament at the Oval Sept 16-18
- Sport Hosting Grant Intake #4 opens Sept 30. All events in 2017 eligible to apply
- Hosting BC Grant currently open- deadline is Oct 4  
<https://viasport.formstack.com/forms/hostingbc>

8. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob stated that a date had not yet been set for 2017 but 4 dates in February and March had been put forward. A decision on the date should be made within 2 weeks.

9. **Sports Awards**

Terry emphasized the need for submission of awards for 2017. A meeting of the committee would be taking place next week.

10. **KidSport**

Bob circulated updated information and confirmed that 240 applications had been received to date and funds of \$75,000 would be given out in 2016. \$13,000 still remaining in outstanding cheques.

Bob noted that as the grant was now \$500, more applications had been received as a result. Bob confirmed that grant applications to the City, Credit Union and Justice Institute within the next few months.

11. **Trust Fund** – no report.

12. **Correspondence**

Chair referred to the Coaching Symposium in November (information circulated earlier via email) with 4 names being submitted to date and a decision to be made within the next few days.

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It was confirmed that more spots may be available and Chair encouraged everyone to submit names.

Chair continued that a letter had been sent to Mayor and Council for assistance in establishing a baseball diamond in King George Park. A response had been received that this request would be forwarded to Parks and Recreation Committee. Chair confirmed that the President of East Richmond Community Association had also submitted a request for a baseball diamond in King George Park.

### 13. **Round Table and New Business**

Stu:

- Apologies for unable to attend next two meetings due to prior commitments

Bob:

- Gymnastics have been given a loan of \$40,000 for one year plus free rent for a year. Is this in line with other groups for facilities owned by the City? Gregg responded that this was a decision of Council and was a very unique arrangement

Jim:

- \$2165 a month in rent following one year of free rent and who was the request submitted to for this loan? Gregg responded that Gymnastics submitted the request to staff who in turn provided a variety of options to Council who then made the final decision

Serj:

- Just Play Ball program being held September 14<sup>th</sup> with thanks to Bob for all his help. Green Container Content Contest results were softball equipment in the container. Looking forward to a response from Council with regard to baseball diamond in King George Park. New indoor baseball program to be introduced.

Al:

- 12 week ends of tournaments with 18 teams and three medals won from different Provincial Tournaments. Would like to partner with Serj to get kids to play ball and would like to support with coaching and equipment.

Bill:

- Adult team members some from Richmond
- Field Lacrosse Tournament in November

Matt:

- Jim stated that matt would be moving on and expressed his thanks.

Mike:

- Fishing and hunting update
- Will hold grand opening at new facility at 7400 River Road in Oct/Nov
- Thank you to the City for all their help in the new facility
- Archery and Air Gun Divisions being set up. 2 groups of Cadets coming in to.

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Shari:

- Shari introduced by Jared and Shari will be attending in his place as he is going back to school and also got engaged
- Off season for Kajaks
- Cross country starting
- Indoor meet

Tony:

- Table Tennis 2016 America Masters held in Convention Centre in Vancouver. Entrants were low (only 4 players) as entry fee was \$200 US per person.

Terry:

- Football starting this coming weekend
- Update on his entry and Dragon Boat participation

Noleen:

- Explained unique situation with regard to funding from City
- Building a new program, coaching has been difficult but moving forward

Don:

- Curling is close to start up – last week in September
- Clinics starting for Novices
- Schedule of fees for attending clinics and good coaches
- Ice schedule will be finalized within the next few days
- New menu in Cafe
- Rentals goods this summer. Space for 200 is available for AGMs, etc with catering available

RSC Treasurer's Report:

- Same as July meeting
- Few unpaid members

Jack:

- Rugby Club held AGM at Curling club, excellent venue
- Rugby starts this week, senior and junior teams
- Members are getting things going in the schools
- Looking forward to another season
- Field is in good shape, goal posts to go in.

Tanya:

- Provided information on trip to Rio including poor conditions where she attended as many sports as possible
- Tennis bubble went up today, targeting replacement of bubble
- AGM in November

Ivan:

- RCD Garage Sale in July raised \$6000
- Fund Raising Gala October 1<sup>st</sup> at Executive Plaza

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- Lawn Bowling – summer season over end of September
- September 24<sup>th</sup> Awards Day
- Team members represented BC in Edmonton, bronze, silver and gold metals won

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.07 pm

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Jim Lamond, Chair

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Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

**Next meeting: October 11, 2016**