



# Richmond Sports Council

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**Tuesday December 8, 2015**

Present:

Jim Lamond (Chair), Gregg Wheeler,(City staff), Tony Shaw, Bob Jackson  
Terry Kehoe, Jack Hamilton, Don Fisher, Sam Morizawa (City staff), Tanya Donaldson,  
Warren Karsgaard, Kathleen Wong, Steve Valenzuela, Ivan Wong, Donna Marsland,  
Bill Shayler, Mike Fletcher, John Braatebn, Lance Carey, Jared Hulme  
Serj Sangara, Matthew Eng, Stu Corrigan, Councillor Bill McNulty

Regrets: Barb Norman, Sanjeet Sadana, Mike Thorne, Kim Seaborn, Gary Rosval,

Meeting called to order at 7.02 pm

1. Approval of November 10, 2015 minutes – Moved: Ivan Wong, Seconded: Don Fisher, Carried.
2. Business arising from minutes – Nil.
3. **Council Report**

Councillor McNulty referred to the progress on Minoru Complex with pre-load completed and construction underway. It will be 18 months to completion.

Facility Needs being looked at for Phase 2 of Construction Projects and Councillor McNulty urged RSC to submit their recommendations.

Capital Budget approved and Operating Budget referred back to staff. Council also looking at land acquisitions for community needs.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada in 2017 celebrations in Richmond – a committee has been established with Councillor McNulty as Chair with Councillor McPhail and Councillor Steves as Vice Chairs. Council has committed \$1.2M for celebrations throughout the year and funding should be available from the federal government too. Jim asked if a member of RSC could sit on the committee and Councillor McNulty said he would get back to him.

Councillor McNulty wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for another great year.

Jim enquired if funding would be available for sports during the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and Councillor McNulty responded that this may be possible, however, the committee was only brainstorming at present and to date, sports will be one of the themes for 2017. Councillor McNulty encouraged all the sports to give some thought to hosting provincial championships in November 2017.

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Terry enquired about Middle Arm Park and Councillor McNulty explained that this was an area from River Road, Cambie to No. 2 Road

#### 4. **Staff Update**

Gregg drew attention to the sinkhole that had appeared on the north side of Minoru outside the artificial turn and outside of concrete walkway. This had been filled in with gravel and engineers are currently investigating repairs. There was no damage to the field but some games had been cancelled. Fortunately Minoru 2 is now open. Gregg confirmed he would provide more information in January with regard to repairs.

Serj asked Gregg about the status of homes for gymnastics and the Rod and Gun Club and enquired if there was 4500 sq.ft available for cricket and baseball. Gregg responded that new home is being sought for the Rod and Gun Club. Sportstown will be demolished some time in the new year. At present there is no current space available, however, Real Estate Services are actively seeking warehouse space in a commercial area. Gregg asked that Serj contact Real Estate Services at City Hall to pursue this issue further.

Serj then enquired about Latrace Field use and booking, Gregg confirmed that he would discuss this with Serj following the meeting.

#### 5. **Sport Hosting**

No more sport hosting events for 2015

-Waiting to hear back on two bids- Roller Derby (would happen Sept 2016) and Volleyball Canada (would happen July 2016)

-Richmond Sport Hosting Incentive Grant Program application will be sent to previous recipients and be on the RSH website once approved.

#### 6. **Minoru fields and building update**

No further updates. Jim again requested a list of items still to be completed and Gregg committed to provide this information at the January meeting.

#### 7. **Wall of Fame**

Bob referred to the recent Induction Ceremony at the Oval and it was so crowded that future events should be moved elsewhere as the area by the Wall of Fame was far too small to accommodate attendees.

Bob confirmed that Council had approved three new categories – Coach, Pioneer (40 + yrs) and Special Achievements. Deadline for submission for 2015 is December 31, 2015. The application form is on the web site and has to be completed in its entirety so that the information can then be included in the kiosk at the Oval located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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Tony and Lance voiced their appreciation for their recognition and the honour of being on the Wall of Fame and thanked staff for a super job during the presentation ceremony. Gregg thanked Bob for his feedback with regard to space challenges and this will be addressed for 2016. Bob continued by thanking the committee for all their hard work during the year.

**8. Creating Community Champions Gala Event (no longer KidSport Fund Raising Banquet).**

Bob confirmed the change of name which was more relevant and Jared continued that the keynote speaker for the event would be Ryan Walters. Ticket sales for Sports Council are available now at [momysingh@shaw.ca](mailto:momysingh@shaw.ca) with tickets for the public going on sale January 1, 2016. \$175 for individual tickets and \$1800 for table of ten (which includes lots of extras).

**9. Sports Awards Report**

Terry emphasized the deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup> for nominations and encouraged everyone to recognize the athletes in their sport. Jim confirmed that a meeting had been arranged with the Richmond News on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> and Terry would be in attendance.

**10. KidSport**

Bob referred to a recent request for funding but explained that since the inception of KidSport in 1993 and the subsequent founding of a local chapter, the guidelines from Sport BC have to be followed together with the policies.

Financial and stat information circulated and reviewed by Bob. There is \$8000 in outstanding cheques with a current balance of \$20,000. There is enough funding now to carry through 2016. Jim acknowledged Bob and thanked him for his dedication to KidSport.

**11. Trust Fund** – one application received. Sammy to meet with Jim and Bob.

**12. Correspondence** – nil.

**13. Round table and new business**

Stu:

- In Japan for a month officiating at championships

Kathleen:

- Increase in registration fees
- Lance Carey honorary member of club

Bill:

- Field Lacrosse tournaments held Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

Serj:

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- Just Play Ball Program
- Winter ball programs at no cost
- Suggestion to develop a web site/social media for sports stories. Bob supported this suggestion as there was a need to connect with youth in the community

Jared:

- Training at the Oval
- Cross country finished

Terry:

- Football wrapped up with annual banquet
- Registration mid January

Steve:

- Winding down the 2015 portion of the season

John:

- Registration opens January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Working with Rmd Minor Hockey and Seafair in regard to best practices
- Reached out to soccer re schedules

Mike:

- Winding down and closed for 3 – 4 weeks
- Meeting re Hugh Boyd Club House facility

Don:

- There is still a road into the Curling Club!

Jack:

- Rugby finished until late January

Tanya:

- 3 courts available in bubble during winter
- Increased demand from kids for youth tennis
- Not a lot of court space and working with Tennis BC as this is an issue

Ivan:

- RCD hosted 9<sup>th</sup> annual wheelchair bonspiel Nov. 18-26 and many thanks to the Curling Club for making this event such a success. In response Don thanked Ivan and the volunteers for a first class bonspiel with special thanks to Linda Curtain the officiating referee

Bob:

- Attended BC High School Soccer championships with Jim Nov. 29 thru Dec 5 in Burnaby

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- Marketing of Richmond to bring more championships to the City especially in November 2017. Richmond has better facilities
- Visited Copeland Wall of Fame display. City does not run this at all, a separate organization runs this
- Gary will be going in for heart surgery on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, we all wish him well and please send emails to cheer him up

Jim:

- Drew attention to the history of sports stories in Richmond and read out a letter from Archie Kelly from 1987

Jim wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you all in 2016.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 8.25 pm

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Nora Wright  
Recording Secretary

**Next meeting: January 12, 2016 at City Hall**