



Richmond Sports Council

Richmond City Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Sport Organizations/Members (<i>M</i> , <i>AM</i> , <i>HM</i>)	Member Representative (#1)	Member Representative (#2)
Richmond City Council Representative <i>HM</i>	Bill McNulty (<i>HM</i>)	
Richmond Curling Club <i>M</i>	Don Fisher	Carole Murray
Richmond Gymnastics Association <i>M</i>	Puneet Bains	
Richmond Aquatics Advisory Board <i>AM</i>	Rosemary Nickerson	Jeremy Hopwood
TSS Rovers Football Club <i>M</i>	Colin Elmes	
Richmond Minor Football <i>M</i>	Aaron Thompson	
Richmond Girls Softball Assoc. <i>M</i>	Al Groff	Barry Riva
Richmond Pickleball <i>M</i>	Gordon Farrell	David Yan
Richmond Rockets Speed Skating <i>M</i>	Scott Stewart	
Richmond City Baseball <i>M</i>	Nav Sekhon	Brent Lexier
Richmond Lacrosse Association <i>M</i>	Lauri Kerr	Pam Mason
Richmond Tennis Club <i>M</i>	Desmond Chan	Peter Stephen
Richmond Rod & Gun Club <i>M</i>	Mike Thorne	
DC Baseball Builders Club	Serj Sangara	
KidSport Richmond <i>M</i>	Bob Jackson (<i>HM</i>)	Evan Dunfee
Richmond United Soccer <i>M</i>	Jas Mann	
Richmond Little League Baseball <i>M</i>	Serj Sangara	
Kajaks Track and Field Club <i>M</i>	Karen Fisher Hagel	Paul Brar
International Karate Organization <i>M</i>	Stuart Corrigan	
Richmond Adult Soccer <i>M</i>	Dave Park	
Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey <i>M</i>	Piradeepan Uthayakumar	Helena Steeves
Richmond Centre for Disability <i>M</i>	Ivan Wong	
Richmond Lawn Bowling <i>M</i>	Ivan Wong	
Vancouver Ultimate League <i>M</i>	Josh Ralla	
Vancouver Gun Club <i>M</i>	John Grayson	
Richmond Cricket Club <i>M</i>	Dean Jamal	
F-16 Badminton <i>M</i>	Henry Wong	
Richmond Sockeyes Hockey Club <i>M</i>	Doug Paterson	
Bhullar Wrestling Club <i>M</i>	Jag Bhullar	Gurpal Bhullar
Richmond Rugby Club <i>M</i>	Jack Hamilton	

Richmond School Board AM	Nik Nashlind	
City of Richmond Staff	Mandy Hadfield	Stacey Bridal
Recording Secretary	Nikita Joshi	Jessie Zhu
Invited Guests		
Richmond Sports Hosting	Jordan Schulmeister	
Richmond Olympic Oval	Trey Wells	
Richmond Arenas - RACA	Bob Reid	
Guests		
Honorary Members		
Lance Carey		
Donna Marsland		
Jack Hamilton		
Roger Barnes		
Paul Morizawa		
Rick Henderson		

M – Member, **AM** – Associate Member, **HM** – Honorary Member

Attendees

Regrets

Not in Attendance

1. Call to Order

7:00 PM

Jack Hamilton moved, Serj Sangara seconded

2. Introduction of Invited Guest:

No invited guests. Will be coming soon.

3. Approval of minutes from December 2023:

Gordon Ferrell moved, Al Groff seconded

4. Business arising from minutes:

- Active Sports Fund - report following in minutes
- Progress of changing room and washroom construction in East Richmond

5. Council Update:

New facility in East Richmond - Report by Councillor McNulty

- The referral included building new washroom and changing room facilities.
- Councillor McNulty is looking to provide further updates and status around March;
- Money already set aside for the project

Capital Projects Committee has an expenditure of \$160M this year for projects including:

- Steveston Britannia Shipyard's traditional historic site for reparation.
- Richmond Seniors and Arts Centre is now active for hosting meetings.
- Upgrading mechanical equipment at Richmond Curling Club and Richmond Ice Centre.
- Updating and improving accessibility for seniors in Garden City Lands, Steveston-London Neighborhood Parks, etc.

6. Staff Report:

No report, staff absent

7. Committee Report

Sports Hosting - Report by Jordan

- Last year, received extra fund from partnership with Tourism Richmond as part of the Richmond Sports Hosting Grant.
- This year, partnership will continue, aiming for a budget of at least \$150,000.
- 3 Intakes per year; Hoping to fund local sports events, major or minor in the coming years.

Membership Committee - Report by Stuart

- Might talk to Board of Directors about welcoming recreational activity groups.
- Committee has a list and will start a membership drive.

Active Recreation & Sports Fund - update - Report by Karen

- Received \$5,000 from the City to open the program last September;
- Gave out \$2,300 to 7 different athletes until last December.
- Able to give out the remaining \$2,700 since early last week.
- Looking for a volunteer joining Karan review applications, work is remote.
- Applied for the City's PRCE grant (max. \$5,000), will find out the result in March. Will need a Sports Council member to help if approved.
- Clarified the selection criteria. Directed some applicants previously with provincial sports organizations to KidSport.
- Fund may cover spring break, winter camps and dance.
- Appreciation to Karen for taking on the responsibilities.

8. Wall of Fame:

No meeting scheduled yet.

9. KidSport:

Report by Bob - Report attached.

- In December, 21 cases approved, gave out \$9,000+.
- Tonight, just reviewed and approved 22 out of 23 applications.
- Last year, ~\$160,000 were given out to 360 recipients. Only \$3,000 spent on administration.
- Number of grants increased by ~30%, amount (\$) increased by ~32.5%.

- Will have a special meeting in January to plan new ways to fundraise.

10. New Business:

Gaming Grant Workshop

- Easy to set up, can be part of a Sports Council meeting or a separate session.
- Free admission, people from the Gaming Grant Org. would explain the application, provide feedback and answer questions.
- Will see if we want to do one through a poll.
- Can email a request to Karen to go through the MLA database for specific grants search.

Richmond Sports Council - Annual General Meeting

- Before the regular monthly meeting in March.
- Allows space for up to the 13 members in the Board, currently has 9 members.
- Members of RSC are encouraged to put names forward to join.
- Thought to be given to forwarding suggestions to the Board of Directors for future directions of the RSC.

11. Announcements and Correspondence

Letter received.

- Anonymous letter includes wish for the Board's motion on two items.
- The items specifically were not within the mandate of the RSC.
- Members of RSC are welcomed to view the letter, contact Stuart.

12. Adjournment:

Rosemary Nickerson moved, Gordon Ferrell seconded.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

KidSport™ Richmond Report to Richmond Sports Council

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

KidSport™ Richmond Meeting held on December 12, 2023

21 cases approved	10 Boys	11 Girls
Amount of Grants - \$6,68.85	\$4,134.30	\$5,691.55
12 Local Community Sports Groups received a grant(s) for an athlete(s)		

Next KidSport™ Richmond Meeting was today January 9, 2024

Currently, we had 23 new applications for this January 9th meeting 12 boys and 11 girls' applications for a total of \$8,516.13 for 13 local sports organizations.

KidSport™ Richmond Grants To Local Community Sports to Date in 2023

In 2023, KidSport Richmond has approved:

365 grants	199 for boys (55%)	166 for girls (45%)
\$159,969.26 in grants	\$86,437.91 for boys (54%)	\$73,531.35 for girls (46%)

In 2022 KidSport Richmond Funded

In 2022, 278 Kids received a grant from KidSport Richmond for a total of \$118,736

Difference from 2022 to 2023

Number grants increased from 278 to 365 = 31% increase

Total amount of grants increased from \$118,736 to \$159,969.26 = 35% increase

Richmond Curling Club Report

The Richmond Curling Club is active in many leagues and have many new plans for the balance of the Curling Season.

They are hosting the 70 plus playdowns Jan 15 to Jan 18th. Also booked are the 80 plus in February.

The Tuesday open league has increased to occupy four sheets.

The newly formed Novice league runs Tues. evening.

Both Board and senior staff and ice technicians anticipate a busy many months to finish the season in the Spring.

Don Fisher, Club Representative.

Roundtable from Serj Sangara

"Since the issue was raised at the start of the meeting in regards to *"How the baseball AT INFIELD project jumped up on the Facility Task Force List"*, (and answered by Councillor Bill McNulty) I feel compelled to share that The Dugout Club in working with Baseball BC, the BCASF, the R&S Sangara Family Foundation and any others interested in developing sports opportunities in East Richmond is very much still on the table.

A fund is being created throughout those groups to support Youth Baseball right here in Richmond rather than going through the National organizations with no guarantees the funds would make their way back to B.C. let alone Richmond.

In wanting to be as transparent as possible, we would still offer approximately \$150,000 towards and AT INFIELD as a straight donation providing it actually went towards the AT INFIELD.

As well, we're hoping we could somehow begin a "Partnership" with the City of Richmond in which we would arrange funding up to approximately 1 million dollars in the hopes we could work it out over time to recoup those funds. This would be similar to the arrangement made by the City of Delta with a private group in their construction of new diamonds, washrooms, changing rooms and INDOOR HEATED BATTING CAGE FACILITIES at Cromie Park in Ladner.

If anyone would like any further information on what we're hoping to accomplish there, please let me know.

From my end though, we've been asking for quite some time as to what funds are available to go towards any field improvements from the USER FEES that are being collected in the hopes that there's even the slightest chance of getting a REGULAR BASEBALL DIAMOND back into East Richmond in the meantime."

Thanks.

Serj