



Richmond Sports Council

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Tuesday July 11, 2017

Present: Jim Lamond (Chair), Bob Jackson, Terry Kehoe, Jeanne Jensen, Pam Begg, Bill Shayler, Mike Fletcher, Tony Shaw, Ivan Wong, Kim Seaborn, Barbara Norman, Serj Sangara, Pam Lacroix, Shae Greenfield, John Braaten, Don Fisher, Roger Doi. Warren Karsgaard, Noleen Mueller, Karen Fisher Hagel, Shari Rogers, Councillor Bill McNulty, Gregg Wheeler (City staff), Sam Morizawa, (City staff)

Regrets), Stu Corrigan, Donna Marsland, Sanjeet Sadana, Rosie Nickerson, Steve Valenzuela, Jack Hamilton, Tanya Donaldson

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm
2. Minutes of June 13, 2017 approved – Moved: Don Fisher Seconded: Bill Shayler, Carried.
3. Business arising from minutes – None.
4. **Council Update**

Councillor McNulty provided the following information:

- Wall of Fame request to change inductee venue to Council Chambers was approved
- Very successful Salmon Festival/Ships to Shore
- Community Wellness Strategy approved
- Recreation and Sport Strategy approved
- Senior Services Plan approved
- Delegation to Council re public tennis courts usage
- A lot of groups have expressed interest in using Minoru Senior Centre, staff report pending
- Negotiation completed for new community centre on Capstan Way, Richmond Community Centre North
- Final disposition of Kiwanis Towers with 300 seniors residences

Mike enquired about the status of the 10,000 sq.ft Hugh Boyd Fieldhouse for Soccer including meeting rooms/change rooms, storage, etc. The City had hired an architect who had designed a concept and costs involved. A meeting has been arranged with the architect and Gregg next week to find efficiencies to address costs and Gregg will follow up with Mike.

Councillor McNulty responded that the Capital Plan had already addressed the next five priorities and the Hugh Boyd Fieldhouse was not included. Councillor McNulty continued that there had been plans a long time ago for this kind of facility at a cost of \$3.5M and had to be a

10,000 sq.ft multi purpose building so that community and West Richmond could share. Councillor McNulty encouraged Soccer to revisit the concept but currently there were no City funds available. Jim stated that Soccer wanted to move forward on a 10,000 sq.ft fieldhouse at Hugh Boyd which was supported by RSC.

Mike then enquired about the New Minoru Complex and the 2018 tournament to be held at Hugh Boyd and Minoru with 48 teams participating which would be a challenge if the new complex was not completed prior to the tournament. There would also be a challenge with parking and alternative sites were suggested by Gregg to remedy the parking situation. Jim asked Gregg why the Gateway Theatre parking lot could not be used for the tournament. Gregg to check this out.

Shea complained about her group being kicked of a field by Fusion and Sammy committed to following up with Shea on this issue.

Jim enquired as to why the RCMP were not involved in traffic flow after the Salmon Festival and Councillor McNulty responded that the Steveston Community Society had not arranged this but would follow up with them at their next meeting.

5. **Guest: Joe Peschisolido – MP**

Mr. Peschisolido thanked RSC for the invitation and stated that he wanted to know more about RSC and the new infrastructure funding for programs in the community as sport was the best way to improve the quality of life in Richmond. Mr. Peschisolido continued that there would be a number of opportunities to work with Mayor and Council and community sport groups.

6. **Staff Update**

Gregg commented on the following:

- Summer Slam at King George Park July 16th
- Hugh Boyd Nations Cup July 14,15,16
- Dolphin Classic at South Arm this coming weekend
- Open House held re Minoru Master Plan and Steveston area

Gregg then referred to the approximate cost of converting King George Park infield ball diamond grass area to artificial turf which amounted to a guestimate of \$325,000. Gregg continued that upgrading the Rugby field to international standards plus the infield ball diamond upgrade would cost approximately \$4.5M.

Councillor McNulty stated that no capital funds were available for 2017 thru 2026 and the current priority list did not include King George Park.

Jim stated that the next step for Serj should be to form a committee and source funding. Serj referred to the \$325,000 costing and enquired what the contribution would need to be to take to Council to move forward on this initiative as he was prepared to write a cheque. Jim responded

that there was a need to form a committee first, put forward a plan and with the support of RSC and then to go to Council with a proposal.

Kajaks referred to the Minoru Park Vision Planning session for stakeholders and commented on the lack of stakeholders present. Jim responded that plans for Minoru Park and input from RSC had been ongoing since 2005 and reviewed a letter to Mayor and Council that had been submitted in 2005 by RSC. Kajaks continued by emphasizing the need for stakeholder input so that sport voices could be heard and to voice their needs for Minoru Park area. Jim stated that the Minoru Park area should be corrected by the Facility Needs Assessment.

7. **Discover Your Sport** – information circulated via separate email from Stu Corrigan. Jim encouraged everyone to submit their applications as soon as possible as space was limited.

8. **Concussion Report** – no report.

9. **Wall of Fame Update**

Bob confirmed that Council had supported the committee recommendation to move the ceremony to Council Chambers at City Hall. No date has been set. Committee had also suggested changes to Terms of Reference and housekeeping changes with regard to criteria.

10. **Sport Hosting Update**

Pam:

- Sport Hosting Manager position to be confirmed by end of July
- Grants have closed
- Next grant submission end of September
- Lots of summer events at the Oval

11. **Creating Community Champions Gala Event**

Bob confirmed that the 2018 event would be held on Friday March 9th at the Hilton. Sanjeet had stated that the hotel was prepared to continue for another 5 years.

12. **Sports Awards Report**

Terry referred to the \$250 donation to the leadership classes at McMath and confirmed that Steve Valenzuela had joined the committee.

13. **KidSport**

Bob reviewed the on screen financial details with funds of \$48,000 being allocated to date this year. 186 applications received to date with an expectation of 275 by the year end. Of the grants applied for 85% received 100% funding of \$500 per grant. Bob concluded that there would be a positive cash flow this year and then drew attention to the outstanding cheques, some of which were now stale dated.

14. **Trust Fund** – one case with Sammy to meet with Jim and Bob after the meeting to review.

15. **Correspondence**

Jim drew attention the Facility Needs Assessment for 2011-2021 and asked everyone to go through the document with their executive and submit changes, amendments or comments. A committee would be formed in September to update this assessment to take forward to Council.

16. **Round Table and New Business**

John:

- Thanked staff for the AED devices installed

Bob:

- Provided an overview of committees formed in the past re the plan and vision for Minoru Park

Mike:

- Provincial Cup titles - U18 Richmond United boys and U16 Richmond F.C. girls capped outstanding campaigns in style at B.C. Soccer's Provincial "A" Cup Championships at Newton Athletic Park both won gold medals

Serj:

- Dug Out Club, Just Play Ball at Nat Bailey Stadium July 12th
- Free program every Wednesday at King George Park 6-8 pm
- North Delta Blue Jays in partnership with Dug Out club
- Richmond Little League formed and teams put together

Bill:

- Lacrosse Tykes at Salmon Festival very successful
- Sponsors for programs – very special people in Richmond

Kim:

- 3 teams in Provincials, one gold medal won by U16.
- Spring program has now ended
- 8 teams travelled to Skagit, 2 teams won first place and 2 teams second place
- 410 registered for Fall program

Noleen:

- Very successful year.

Barb:

- Tournaments reviewed
- Just for Fun tournament
- Richmond Devils – another season at Arena
- Open House August 27th
- Tournaments approved for 2017/2018 season

Terry:

- Football – on the field now

Jeanne:

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- Very successful doubles on Canada Day
- 100 kids in gold star program
- Richmond Open July 21st
- Association with high school tennis

Karen/Shari:

- Summer 6 – 8 yr old program
- Junior Development program
- Good turn out for 44K run

Don:

- Curling ice in last week of August
- Cafe open daily 10 am to 2 pm until end of August
- Curling clinic not yet available and will be confirmed at September meeting

RSC Treasurer's report:

- \$5380.79 balance in bank account, yet to issue cheques for Sports Awards event

Shea:

- Kids having fun at soccer camp
- Turf field lights were on
- Not enough staff, no signs and a number of challenges
- Concussion injury

Ivan:

- RCD Garage Sale on July 15th from 9 am thru 3 pm, items needed
- Lawn Bowling – members did really well in a two tournaments, winning 6 silver and 11 gold and 6 silver and 9 gold respectively.

Mike reminded everyone to stay off social media with negative comments and commented on Soccer's experience.

No further business

17. **Adjournment** at 8.40 pm

Jim Lamond, Chair

Nora Wright, Recording Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday September 12, 2017

No meeting in August