



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
Committee

**Date:** August 13, 2019

**From:** Elizabeth Ayers  
Director, Recreation and Sport Services

**File:** 11-7000-10-01/2019-  
Vol 01

**Re:** **Richmond Sports Council Facility Needs Assessment 2018 Update**

### Staff Recommendation

That a sport facility and infrastructure priority list be developed for consideration with future corporate facility plans according to the process outlined in the staff report titled "Richmond Sports Council Facility Needs Assessment 2018 Update," dated August 13, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services and brought to Council for consideration in the first quarter of 2020.

Elizabeth Ayers  
Director, Recreation and Sport Services  
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Att. 2

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## Staff Report

### Origin

At the June 18, 2018, General Purposes Committee meeting, Jim Lamond, Chair of Richmond Sports Council, presented Richmond Sports Council's Sports Facilities Needs Assessment 2018 (the "Assessment Report") dated June 6, 2018 (Attachment 1). As a result, staff received the following referral:

*That the 2018 Richmond Sports Council Facility Needs Assessment be referred to staff for review and input.*

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the work that has been done to date on the Assessment Report, and to seek Council's support for staff to develop a prioritized list of sport infrastructure requests for new buildings, structures and fields for Council's review and consideration, according to the process outlined in this report. This report also provides the corporate context in which these requests be given consideration.

Richmond is known for its parks and open spaces, and recreation and sport facilities. The continued provision of modern and well-maintained facilities that meet the current and future needs of residents is fundamental to supporting sport in Richmond.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022 Strategy #4 An Active and Thriving Richmond:

*An active and thriving community characterized by diverse social and wellness programs, services and spaces that foster health and well-being for all.*

*4.2 Ensure infrastructure meets changing community needs, current trends and best practices.*

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022 Strategy #5 Sound Financial Management:

*Accountable, transparent, and responsible financial management that supports the needs of the community into the future.*

*5.1 Maintain a strong and robust financial position.*

This report supports the following action from the City of Richmond Wellness Strategy 2018 – 2023:

*Foster healthy, active and involved lifestyles for all Richmond residents with an emphasis on physical activity, healthy eating, and mental wellness.*

This report supports the following action from the Recreation and Sport Strategy 2019 – 2024:

*Active People and Vibrant Places: 4. Provide inclusive, safe and welcoming facilities and spaces for recreation and sports programs and services.*

This report supports the following action from the Sport Hosting Strategy 2016 – 2020:

*Use Sport Hosting to support a robust and integrated sport development system in Richmond.*

## **Background**

Richmond Sports Council has a long history in Richmond of representing and working for the collective interests of sports in the community. It was officially registered as a not-for-profit organization in 1988 and presently has over 35 member organizations.

In 2017, Richmond Sports Council’s sports organizations unanimously voted in favour of appointing a Facility Review Committee (the “Committee”) to “review their short and long-term facilities needs to accommodate anticipated increase in active members and replacement of existing (aging) facilities”.

In January 2018, the Committee polled members to understand the needs of Richmond-based sport organizations that form Richmond Sports Council. The Committee includes 10 members of Richmond Sports Council.

The Assessment Report (Attachment 1) summarizes the feedback received from the 17 organizations that responded to the survey and categorizes their requests into three sections:

1. Facility Needs Priorities – Eight priority items from the list of over 30 identified needs;
2. Projects Already in Progress – Hugh Boyd Field House (conceptual planning) and Lawn Bowling Clubhouse (Council approved); and
3. Future Possibilities – An “arena facility” as part of a multi-sport field house complex.

Although no ranking of the items was provided in the Assessment Report, it states that these items should be “...strongly considered for integration into current Parks and Recreation Capital Budget priorities for the upcoming budget year”.

## **Corporate Context**

In December 2016, Council approved the Phase 2 Major Facilities Projects for the period 2016 – 2026 and in 2018, the Hugh Boyd Field House was added to the Phase 2 Projects list. The requests from Richmond Sports Council are new requests not previously identified as City priorities. With competing corporate interests and priorities, cost escalation, and growing demands from residents, staff anticipate increasing difficulty with managing and responding to the community’s various requests for facilities, such as those that have been identified in the Richmond Sports Council’s Sports Facilities Needs Assessment 2018 Report.

In order to respond to Richmond Sports Council requests and ensure a fulsome evaluation, staff have developed an approach that will ensure stakeholders are consulted, and that current and future needs are considered within the broader corporate context.

### **Analysis**

The Assessment Report has been reviewed by staff and categorized into the following four categories (see Attachment 2):

1. **Buildings and Structures** – includes clubhouse(s), field house(s) and a covered lacrosse box request;
2. **Maintenance** – includes smaller items that are managed through maintenance budgets on a priority basis;
3. **Fields** – encompasses requests for upgrades to existing fields along with new artificial turf fields; and
4. **Other** – a list of various requests that require further review. This includes level of service items that are not presently provided to sport groups.

Attachment 2 outlines the requests, along with the status of each request contained in the Assessment Report. Almost 40 per cent of the items that fall within existing service levels, have been addressed (or are in progress). A large number of the remaining items require further study and discussion with both the user groups and Richmond Sports Council as a whole to understand the need and the priority of the item. Attachment 2 includes over 50 items including:

- Upgrading of the curling club;
- Indoor dryland training facility for lacrosse;
- Multi-purpose space for wrestling;
- Refurbishing and upgrading of field infrastructure for baseball and soccer;
- Addition of lighting to various fields;
- Replacement of grass fields with artificial turf; and
- Upgrades to Minoru Track infrastructure.

Five large capital items contained on the list in either Buildings and Structures, or Fields have been completed (or are in progress) with Council approving over \$8.2 million in funding. This includes resurfacing of the Minoru Track, replacement of the Hugh Boyd artificial turf field, upgrades to the Latrace Field baseball backstop as well as the replacement of the Richmond Lawn Bowling Clubhouse and greens renewal.

### **Review Process**

Significant progress has been made on the requests contained in the Assessment Report since its presentation to Council resulting in a revised list of approximately 50 items. In order to complete the review, further information and work is required to understand the scope of the requests, the identified need in the community and the priority of the requests. It should also be noted that while requests were received from 17 separate sport groups in Richmond, there are over 35

groups represented by Richmond Sports Council and new emerging sports, such as pickleball, that have not have been included.

In order to ensure a fulsome evaluation and that the identified projects meet both the current and future needs of the sport community, staff recommend that the following process be implemented:

1. Review of sport participation and population demographics;
2. Identification of trends and issues;
3. Review of best practices;
4. Review findings with Richmond Sports Council;
5. Identification of gaps or missed opportunities;
6. Confirmation of level of service provided;
7. Review findings with Richmond Sports Council;
8. Develop criteria for ranking;
9. Finalization of items for consideration;
10. Determination of costs;
11. Ranking and prioritization by staff;
12. Review of ranking with Richmond Sports Council; and
13. Recommendation to Council.

The above proposed process will be led by staff. There will be opportunities for input and feedback from Richmond Sports Council at several key points in the process. Any challenges that arise or differences between the findings of staff and Richmond Sports Council will be identified in the final report, to ensure clarity between the recommendations of staff and Richmond Sports Council.

In order to reconcile competing needs and confirm priorities, criteria for ranking projects will be developed. The criteria will include items such as current and projected participation, incorporation of the Canadian Sport for Life Strategy, identified community needs and facility conditions. In addition, high level cost estimates will be developed for each project. Staff will also work to identify efficiencies and opportunities within the existing sport facilities and infrastructure, and ensure current facilities are being used to their full potential. As well, staff will work with the different organizations to identify opportunities for shared funding for some of the preferred projects. Smaller requests may be addressed within the existing budgets, whereas larger items will require capital funding.

The final report will contain a prioritized list of requests with order of magnitude costs, which will then be submitted to Council for review the first quarter of 2020. Subject to Council's approval, the prioritized list will be incorporated with future Major Corporate Facility Plans.

### **Financial Analysis**

Upon completion of the evaluation process, should Council decide to make changes to existing service levels this would result in an increase to property taxes. If Council decides to consider funding specific initiatives, these will be forwarded to the budget and 5-Year Financial Plan process for evaluation in conjunction with other budget requests. Any new requests that are not

currently in the 5-Year Financial Plan may result in other projects being delayed or may require borrowing to fund.

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Conclusion**

Richmond Sports Council Sports Facilities Needs Assessment 2018 Report is a list of needs and recommendations. The Assessment Report requires a more in depth review and prioritization to ensure current and future sport needs are met in an efficient and sustainable manner. Participation in sport allows for physical, creative and social opportunities which contribute to building healthy, connected individuals, and liveable and vibrant communities. This work will contribute to the City's vision of being the most appealing, livable and well-managed community in Canada.



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- Att. 1: Richmond Sports Council Sports Facilities Needs Assessment 2018
- 2: Richmond Sports Council: Categorized List of Sport Improvement Requests

TO: MAYOR & EACH  
COUNCILLOR  
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



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Sports Council

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**ON TABLE ITEM**

Date: June 18, 2018  
Meeting: General Purposes (Open)  
Item: 4



June 12, 2018

City Clerk  
City of Richmond  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond V6Y 2C1

Dear Sir:

**Re: Richmond Sports Council Facility Needs Assessment 2018**

Would you please arrange for the attached report to be added to the agenda for the next General Purposes Committee Meeting.

As Chair, I would attend the meeting to answer any questions that Council members may have and also to provide information as required.

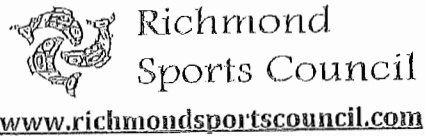
Your truly,

Jim Lamond,  
Chair

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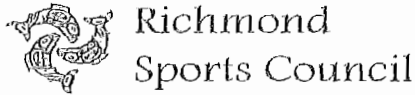
Richmond Sports Council is the collective voice of Richmond's community sports

## **RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL**

### *Sports Facilities Needs Assessment June 2018*

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June 6, 2018

At the, July 11 2017, Sports Council Meeting our members asked that a Facilities Review Committee be appointed. The purpose of the Committee is to review with our members their short and long term facilities needs to accommodate anticipated increase in active members and replacement of existing (aging) facilities. The last Facilities Report submitted by Sports Council and City Staff was completed in 2013 and reviewed by City Council.

Recently, we asked our Members to complete an updated Facility Needs Assessment form for future facility requirements (Appendix A). This Facilities Needs Assessment Summary Report covers over 35 Sports Member Groups representing over 20,000 youth and adult members residing in all areas of Richmond. The Task Force has reviewed the contents of the Members detailed needs assessment and has concluded that the following facility requirements are of the highest priority.

The Sports Council Facilities Sub-Committee process used to prioritize requirements in Section A below were guided by the principles covered in the City of Richmond Facilities Strategic Plan (2015) - Community Services Facility Evaluation Framework.

- A) Facility Needs Priorities: (Appendix A)
- a. A multi-purpose / multi-sport user group Field House – a year round facility usable by all sports groups including the following services: meeting rooms, indoor playing surfaces, hosting tournaments & community events.
  - b. King George Park – an artificial surface “infield” usable by community sports groups.
  - c. King George Park – Multi-purpose facility with change rooms / washrooms / meeting rooms
  - d. Blundell Field Lighting – new and/or enhanced to support Baseball
  - e. Lacrosse – Covered Box
  - f. Minoru Park – changes to public parking and safety by:
    - i. improve safe traffic flow in and out of the facility;
    - ii. improve athlete and equipment drop off capabilities
    - iii. create handicap access
    - iv. increase parking stall capacity
  - g. Minoru Park – resurfacing and redesign of the Track and other upgrades as per Assessment Report details
  - h. General upgrades to current facilities as detailed in the Assessment Report

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B) Projects Already in Progress – not included in the priorities above:

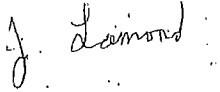
- a. Hugh Boyd – Multi-use facilities including change rooms
- b. Lawn Bowling Club House

C) Future Possibilities:

- a. In future, there is potential to include an Arena Facility as part of the Multi-sport Field House complex.

In summary, Sports Council, on behalf of its Members, is recommending that the facility requirements listed in Section A above be strongly considered for integration into current Parks and Recreation Capital Budget priorities for the upcoming budget year.

Respectfully Submitted



Chairman, Richmond Sports Council

Attachments:

- Appendix A – Facilities Needs Assessment January 2018
- Appendix B – Sports Complex Preliminary Report October 9 1986

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*Sports Facilities Needs Assessment  
June 2018*

*APPENDIX "A"*

UPDATED FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT – JANUARY 2018 2011- 2023		
Sport Group	Current Facilities 2011	Future Facilities needed 2023
<b>Richmond Cricket Club</b>	Covered area for scoring New deck on club house	Bleachers for spectators Bigger club house Covered area for scoring
<b>Richmond Curling</b>		Upgrading of current facility
<b>Wrestling</b>		room space of approximately 2,000 sqft. Preferably in East Richmond
<b>Dug Out Club</b>		Artificial turf baseball diamond (or infield only) that would accommodate at least 80ft bases
<b>Richmond Rugby Club</b>	Larger change room and shower facilities Lit rugby practice field	-new permanent change room and shower facilities. The portable trailer unit we currently use is at the end of its useful life. Its beyond making significant and lasting repairs, it's also too small, and the economics of another temporary unit don't make sense. -a lit rugby practice field that can withstand winter training so we can protect the one good field we currently use.
<b>Richmond Little League Baseball</b>	Indoor baseball facility completed Current facilities not in line with facilities in Lower Mainland	Youth Baseball Diamond in East Richmond. More Weather dependable field in East Richmond New showcase baseball facility a) DIAMOND ACCESS - Allow access from mid Feb, early March on at least one suitable practice diamond to at the latest April 1st to Oct long weekend for "Game Play". (Includes for Fall Ball)  b) POWER - Made available to help perhaps suck up water with vacuums, pitching machines, wash bleachers down, etc  c) WATER CONNECTION AT THE EXISTING SPRINKLER BOX OR POSSIBLY NEAR BY  The dirt, leaves, spilled coffees, etc would be easier to clean up amongst the bleachers, dugouts, etc if there was a hose bib located closer than the community garden.  d) LIGHT ACCESS - Having the ability to turn on the lights (as needed) as we did at Latrace Field in the past.  e) ADDITIONAL CONTAINER STORAGE and TURNING EXISTING CONTAINER - To help with

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		<p>the sorting of Field Equipment vs Baseball Equipment, etc.</p> <p>f) BASE PEGS - Assistance with putting base pegs in at 70' and 80' to facilitate older age groups.</p> <p>g) FENCE FOR 2018 SEASON - Depth TBD depending on registration ages.. (Min 210'.. Max 250')</p> <p>h) MOUND FOR NUMEROUS DISTANCES - Used a portable last year... While usable, not ideal for those wanting to come out and practice on their own.. (As many of the kids and families have being doing over the summer).</p> <p>Keeping a close eye on what solution UBC comes up with as they are now redeveloping their field to accommodate Little League (46' Mound / 60' Bases) to Varsity Baseball (60'6" / 90").</p> <p>i) SCRAPE INFIELD / ADD FEATHERED IN RED CLAY IN "D" AREA - City contended they "couldn't get to" this past season due to weather concerns... Field remained that way the entire year.</p> <p>j) BLEACHERS REPAIRED - Someone had taken a couple rungs away prior to last year.</p> <p>k) SMALL GATES ON FIELD ACCESS OPENING - Little League rules require a gate on the diamond access doorway.</p> <p>l) WASHROOM - PA BOOTH - Could be one and the same... Right in behind home plate... ....Adult softball currently pays for the one that is put there each year, but most likely wouldn't if we took over the diamond for most part.</p>
<p><b>Richmond Tennis Club</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Court damage from construction repaired</li> <li>◦ New perimeter fencing</li> <li>◦ New wind screens</li> <li>◦ Outdoor public washroom upgraded</li> <li>◦ 4 court bubble to replace the current 3 court bubble</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ New Clubhouse with meeting rooms (for events and community group use), functional kitchen, expanded shower facilities and covered walkway to bubble. (Current clubhouse was built in 2002 as a temporary building)</li> <li>◦ 4 court bubble (**if it has not been replaced)</li> <li>◦ Improved seating around the courts and clubhouse</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease agreement with the city updated</li> <li>• Designated parking (Grandfather current parking permit for Richmond Tennis Club members)</li> </ul>	
<b>Richmond City Baseball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current Facilities Needed (2011)</li> <li>➤ Indoor baseball facility (still a need)</li> <li>➤ Latrace diamond – full size outfield with a/t surface (done)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Future Facilities Needed (by 2023)</li> <li>➤ More weather dependable fields (still an ongoing need)</li> <li>➤ Improvements to existing fields (still an ongoing need)</li> <li>➤ Latrace Field - Additional netting above existing backstop (already in City plans)</li> <li>Expansion of fence along 3rd base storage outdoor area</li> </ul> <p>2017 and beyond (no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ City Council approved RCBA Whiteside/South Arm redevelopment</li> <li>➤ Blundell North field lights</li> <li>➤ Indoor/covered facility (part of what was from 2011 above)</li> <li>➤ Palmer/Garden City facility modernization</li> </ul>
<b>Richmond FC (RYS)</b>		<p><b>Minoru Soccer Complex:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Covered benches for Minoru Oval</li> <li>2. Complete siding for benches at Minoru 2 and 3</li> <li>3. Urgent relocation for safety reasons of the power box on the edge of Minoru Oval</li> <li>4. Continue annual review of the lighting for the Oval and Minoru 2 and 3 fields</li> <li>5. Drinking water needs to be more available</li> </ol> <p><b>Hugh Boyd Soccer Complex:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build of the Hugh Boyd Community and Soccer Club House</li> <li>2. Replacement of the artificial turf at the Hugh Boyd soccer fields</li> <li>3. Refurbishment of the Infrastructure at Hugh Boyd</li> <li>4. Field lighting for the Hugh Boyd Oval field</li> <li>5. Drinking water needs to be more available</li> </ol> <p><b>King George Soccer Field:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Build covered benches at this facility</li> <li>2. Continue annual review of the lighting for the soccer field</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. Consider additional artificial turf field to accommodate East Richmond (Hamilton) needs for population growth</p> <p>4. Drinking water needs to be more available</p> <p><b>East Richmond:</b></p> <p>1. Provide artificial turf soccer fields in East Richmond Hamilton area to accommodate the increased growth in Richmond's population</p>
<b>Richmond Girls Softball</b>	Umpire room at London	<p>Addition of softball diamond in the north west corner of London Park.</p> <p>Soccer field could be moved to the south, to edge the existing softball infield. This would allow for a 100 yard soccer field and the new softball diamond. The addition of one light post near the north west corner of the field would complete the lighting requirements.</p> <p>Softball fences could be installed and removed to accommodate the various sports seasons.</p>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<p>Additional access to elementary schools and church facilities</p> <p>Access to secondary schools at weekends for practices</p>	
<b>Richmond Lawn Bowling Club</b>	<p>Bigger clubhouse, currently can only accommodate 75 people</p> <p>Membership in 2010 was 300</p> <p>Additional parking</p>	
<b>Richmond Lacrosse</b>	Indoor space for box lacrosse	<p>Covered box to be used year round for skill development – cover one of the outdoor boxes. Plenty of user groups can use this, soccer, baseball, ball hockey and other.</p> <p>Indoor dryland training facility.</p> <p>With better organization, it could be arranged for the ice to come out of Silver at Minoru in January or better yet have a dry floor all year long. Dry floor is cheaper to operate could be rented out to all kinds of user groups such as volleyball, ball hockey, birthday parties, etc. City is making more money with the ice time but Lacrosse parents are taxpayers as well.</p>
<b>Kajaks</b>	Non interference at Clement Track	<p><u>Urgent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resurface Minoru track</li> <li>• Repainting of track</li> <li>• Repair of curbing and surface of north and south long jump pits</li> <li>• New better quality sand for north and south long jump pits</li> <li>• Portable covers for north and south facing long</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jump pits</li> <li>• Replacement of long jump and triple jump take off board tray due to damage</li> <li>• Temporary fencing to prevent pebbles from playground</li> <li>• Signage on jump pad fencing to describe rules of use and exclusive use policies</li> <li>• Fencing along exterior of Clement Track and Minoru field complex</li> <li>• Temporary fencing along the interior of the Oval to separate field from track</li> <li>• Fencing along the exterior of the high jump pad to stop interference from public</li> <li>• A fieldhouse replacement to include storage</li> <li>• Adequate lighting for Collier Throw Centre throwing field</li> <li>• Resurfacing of both shot put rings</li> <li>• Resurfacing with thicker rubber surface around and inside throwing cage</li> <li>• Clearing of ring drainage holes</li> <li>• Storage shed for throwing equipment on site at throws centre</li> <li>• Warning signs around fencing of throw centre to stop people climbing the fence during training</li> <li>• Accessibility of current storage including ramps and easier to open doors</li> <li>• Better security of all outdoor storage including improvements over existing padlock system</li> <li>• Clement Track redesign</li> </ul>
<b>Kyoskushin Karate</b>	Community space to host international events	
<b>Richmond Field Hockey</b>	Field dedicated to field hockey with built in water system and lined for across field play	
<b>Richmond Gymnastics</b>	New facility with large pit area, larger area to expand recreation programs, showers, better reception and viewing area, office, party room and kitchen area	New or expanded facility double the size of current gym

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# **RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL**

## *Sports Facilities Needs Assessment June 2018*

*Sports Complex Preliminary Report  
October 1986*

### ***APPENDIX "B"***

October 9, 1986

The Mayor & Aldermen,  
Richmond Municipal Council,  
Richmond Municipal Offices.

Members of Council:

RE: SPORTS COMPLEX - PRELIMINARY REPORT

BACKGROUND:

In March of this year Municipal Council established a Task Force to review the concept of a major sports complex for Richmond. Members of this Task Force were:

Municipal Council	Nick Loenen - Chairman Hugh Mawby - Chairman Greg Halsey-Brandt Bob McMath
School Board	Sylvia Gwozd
Sports Council	Rick Henderson Bill McNulty Harvey Moore
Staff	Mike Brow Dave Semple

Council's direction to the Task Force was to make recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Commission relative to the following:

- (a) which facilities/developments considered are most important to a major sports complex and which facilities/developments might be considered at other municipal sites;
- (b) a prioritization of facilities/developments which will answer known deficiencies at this time and identify which facilities/developments might be considered for incremental development (note prioritization flexibility comment in analysis);
- (c) identify and review with other departments the capability and impact of servicing the site considering current infrastructure development plans;
- (d) review and refine earlier cost estimates (both capital and operational) for each component to:
  - (i) seek out and identify funding sources, and
  - (ii) investigate operational options.

The Task Force has met six times through the spring and summer and is prepared at this point to report its preliminary findings.

CONCLUSIONS:

Task (a) "which facilities/developments considered are most important to a major sports complex and which facilities/developments might be considered at other municipal sites;"

The Task Force reviewed the contents of the Sports Council's original report outlining the requirements for such a complex and concluded that the following facilities were in the greatest need:

1. Outdoor Facilities

should include facilities adequate for tournaments or competition, all others should be put in other areas of the community.

2. Ice Arena

is required both in the community and centrally.

3. Sports Hall

should be a municipal-wide facility.

4. Stadium

should be a municipal-wide facility.

5. Curling Rink

should be a municipal-wide facility.

6. Indoor Pool

while there is a need for pools in the community areas, this facility should be considered at a municipal-wide site.

7. Other considerations

parking, specialized facilities, meeting space, etc. also require investigation.

Task (b) "a prioritization of facilities/developments which will answer known deficiencies at this time and identify which facilities/developments might be considered for incremental development (note prioritization flexibility comment in analysis);"

The Task Force prioritized the six major components listed above in Task (a) and while there was not a firm consensus it was decided to proceed with the review based on the following priority list:

1. Curling Rink
2. Sports Hall
3. Stadium
4. Fields
5. Arena
6. Pool

Task (c) "identify and review with other departments the capability and impact of servicing the site considering current infrastructure development plans;"

As conceptual plans for the Sports Complex were extremely vague, it was difficult for the Task Force to effectively evaluate servicing requirements. However, in discussion with staff it would appear that most of the necessary services to this site will be included with the Alderbridge extension. This would need to be reviewed more closely when more specific plans for the complex are determined. There was considerable discussion also about the impact of noise from aircraft on this type of complex. While there was no firm conclusion reached on this issue, it was generally felt that the noise factor should not detract significantly from the activities proposed for this site.

Task (d) "review and refine earlier cost estimates (both capital and operational) for each component to:

- (i) seek out and identify funding sources, and
- (ii) investigate operational options"

Before such a review could be done there was a need to more clearly identify the types of facilities being discussed, how they would be used, and who would operate them. This review led to a first round of conceptualizing how the complex would fit into a seventy acre site and how all of the component parts could be

integrated so as to take advantage of common area requirements (washrooms, changerooms, meeting space, etc.). This conceptualization will be the subject of the presentation made by the Task Force to the Parks & Recreation Commission. In developing the concepts for each of the component parts of the complex, the Task Force felt that it was important the following factors be considered in each:

Expandability  
Flexibility - Training/Competition/Recreation Uses  
Inter-Relationships - Common space for shared use  
Operational Efficiencies  
Integration of Club and Community Use  
Accessible  
Funding/Economic Opportunities

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Parks & Recreation Commission receive this interim report from the Task Force and direct the Task Force to proceed with Task (d) in further detail.

"review and refine earlier cost estimates (both capital and operational) for each component to:

- (i) seek out and identify funding sources, and
- (ii) investigate operational options"

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman N. Loenen,  
Task Force Chairman.

A presentation was made on behalf of the Sports Complex Task Force at the Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, October 8, 1986, at which time the above report was also reviewed.

It was resolved to recommend that the Task Force be directed to proceed with Task (d) as outlined in the report viz:

Task (d) "review and refine earlier cost estimates (both capital and operational) for each component to:

- (i) seek out and identify funding sources, and
- (ii) investigate operational options"

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman H. Mawby, Chairman,  
Parks & Recreation Commission.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

DATE: March 9, 1988  
TO: Parks & Recreation Commission  
FROM: M. J. Brow  
Director - Parks & Leisure Services  
RE: SPORTS FACILITY TASK FORCE  
FILE:

(024)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Commission reinstate the Sports Facility Task Force to review the requirements for sports facilities in Richmond.

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March 9, 1988

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STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

The Parks and Recreation Commission met with the Sports Council on February 10th, 1988 to discuss a number of issues which were of concern to both parties. One of the outcomes of this meeting was a request to have the Sports Facility Task Force, originally set up by Council, reinstated and work begin again on long range planning for sports facilities in Richmond. The attached report, sent to Council in October 1986, outlines the work completed by the original task force during 1986. After 1986, the Task Force was absorbed with the efforts of the Commonwealth Games, which was a potential funding source for Richmond's sports facilities.

ANALYSIS

Richmond's need for more sports facilities has not diminished by the failure to secure the Commonwealth Games Bid. The Curling Club is still being displaced from its present site on Cambie Road. Facilities and fields are still unable to meet the demand placed upon them by local amateur sporting groups. The Municipality is still short of ice time and space to meet the needs of hockey, figure skating and public skating groups.

The RCA Forum, a facility housing 21 groups representing over 2,000 participants, has been put on a month-to-month lease. The Municipality has been informed that within two years the RCA Forum may not be available for community use. A sub-committee of the Richmond Sports Council has been set up with the RCA Forum user groups to look at alternatives to the Forum so a plan is in place in the event of the loss of the building.

The community of Richmond is growing. The demands on sporting facilities are increasing at a rapid rate. With the defeat of the Sports Complex borrowing referendum it is as necessary as ever that the development of sports facilities be carried out in a planned, orderly manner with major input from the community.

CONCLUSION

That more than ever, the Sports Facility Task Force should be reinstated to allow for community involvement in developing both short term and long term needs of sports facility development in Richmond.

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Richmond Sports Council: Categorized List of Sport Improvement Requests

Attachment 2

Richmond Sports Council: Sports Facility Needs Assessment 2018					
Sport Group	Building and Structure	Maintenance	Fields	Other	Status
Richmond Sports Council	New multi-sport user Field House				
Richmond Cricket Club				Bleachers for spectators	Complete
	Bigger club house and deck				
				Covered area for scoring	
Richmond Curling	Upgrading of current facility				
Wrestling	Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of room space (preferably in East Richmond).				
Dug Out Club			Artificial turf baseball diamond or infield only		
Richmond Rugby Club	New larger permanent change room and shower facilities as part of multipurpose facility				
			New lit rugby practice field that can withstand winter training		
Richmond Little League Baseball (King George Park)			Weather dependable showcase baseball facility in East Richmond		
				Allow access from mid- February and early March for practices	Staff to work with team to provide access to either infield at King George or Latrace Field
				POWER - Made available to help remove water with vacuums, pitching machines and wash bleachers	Complete
				Water connection for field	Complete
				Access to Sport Field Lights	Current rental times do not go beyond twilight, request requires clarification
				Additional container storage and rotating existing container	Complete
				BASE PEGS - at 70' and 80' to facilitate older age groups	Base pegs installed at 70'
				Temporary outfield fence for the 2018 season	Complete
				Permanent mound for numerous distances	Complete (portable mound provided in 2018)



Richmond Little League Baseball (King George Park) - <i>Continued</i>				Scrape infield and feathered in red clay in infield area	User responsibility
		Bleachers repaired			Service request submitted
				Small gates on field access opening	Not currently provided, requirement to be reviewed
Richmond Tennis Club	New clubhouse with meeting rooms				
				Lease agreement with the city updated.	In progress, RTC projected for 2nd quarter 2019
		Designated parking for Richmond Tennis Club members.			3 stalls being designated for club staff use
Richmond City Baseball			Continue to provide improvements to existing fields (ongoing need)		
				Latrace Field - Additional netting above existing backstop	Complete
				Expansion of fence along 1st and 3rd base storage outdoor area	Complete
			Whiteside/South Arm redevelopment		
			Blundell North field lights		
		Indoor/covered facility			
Richmond FC - Minoru				Covered benches for Minoru Oval	No space to accommodate due to proximity to track
				Complete siding for benches at Minoru 2 and 3	
				Urgent relocation for safety reasons of the power box on the edge of Minoru Oval	Box covered in yellow high density foam padded vinyl
				Continue annual review of the lighting for the Oval and Minoru 2 and 3 fields	Lights inspected annually and replaced as required
				Drinking water needs to be more available	Drinking water available to Minoru 2 and 3 fields, and at both Minoru Arena and the Minoru Centre for Active Living
Richmond FC - Hugh Boyd Soccer Complex	Hugh Boyd Community and Soccer Club House				Included in 2016-2026 Phase 2 Major Facility Priorities
			Replacement of artificial turf at the Hugh Boyd		Work to begin July 2019
				Refurbishment of the infrastructure at Hugh Boyd	Will be completed with Turf replacement in 2019
				Field lighting for the Hugh Boyd Oval field	

Richmond FC - Hugh Boyd Soccer Complex - <i>Continued</i>				Drinking water needs to be more available	New drinking fountain being installed this summer
Richmond FC - King George Soccer Field				Build covered benches at this facility	Complete
				Continue annual review of the lighting for the soccer field	Lights inspected annually and replaced as required
				Drinking water needs to be more available	Water available in both the adjacent park washrooms and' community centre
East Richmond			Provide more artificial turf soccer fields in East Richmond/ Hamilton area		
Richmond Girls Softball			Addition of softball diamond in the north west corner of London Park to be combined with current soccer field		
	Umpire room at London				
				Softball fences could be installed and removed to accommodate the various sports seasons	
Air Attack Volleyball				Additional access to elementary schools and church facilities	Presently use 880 hours of elementary school gym time per year
				Access to secondary schools on weekends for practices	Limited access to secondary school gyms due to school use
Richmond Lawn Bowling Club	New Clubhouse				Approved by Council in May of 2019
Richmond Lacrosse	Covered lacrosse box to be used year round for skill development				
				Indoor dryland training facility	
				Availability of dry floors in the arenas earlier in the year	
Kajaks				Resurface and repainting of Minoru track	Work to begin July 2019
		Repair of curbing and surface of north and south long jump pits			
		New sand for north and south long jump pits			Complete
				Portable covers for north and south long jump pits	Covers ordered

Kajaks - <i>Continued</i>		Replacement of long jump and triple jump take off board and tray			Repairs to be completed summer of 2019
				Temporary fencing to prevent pebbles from playground	
				Signage on jump pad fencing to describe rules of use and exclusive use policies	
				Fencing along exterior of Clement Track and Minoru field complex	Temporary fencing in place with permanent fencing being installed fall 2019
				Temporary fencing along the interior of the Oval to separate field from track	Complete
				Fencing along the exterior of the high jump pad to stop interference from public	
		A fieldhouse replacement to include storage			
				Adequate lighting for Collier Throw Centre throwing field	
				Resurfacing of both shot put rings	One of two ring resurfaced
				Resurfacing with thicker rubber surface around and inside throwing cage	
		Clearing of ring drainage holes			
				Storage shed for throwing equipment on site at throws centre	Space provide in adjacent storage container
				Warning signs around fencing of throw centre to stop people climbing the fence during training	
		Accessibility of current storage including ramps and easier to open doors			
				Better security of all outdoor storage	
			Clement Track redesign		
Kyoskushin Karate			Community space to host international events		

Richmond Field Hockey			Field dedicated to field hockey with built-in water system and lined for across field play		
Richmond Gymnastics	New or expanded facility double the size of current gym				Complete (in 2016)