



## Regular Council

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

Place: Council Chambers  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Laura Gillanders  
Councillor Kash Heed  
Councillor Andy Hobbs  
Councillor Alexa Loo  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Michael Wolfe

Corporate Officer – Claudia Jesson

Absent: Councillor Chak Au

Call to Order: Mayor Brodie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RES NO.    ITEM

### MINUTES

R25/11-1    1. It was moved and seconded  
*That:*

- (1) *the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 26, 2025, be adopted as circulated;*
- (2) *the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on June 2, 2025, be adopted as circulated; and*
- (3) *the Metro Vancouver 'Board in Brief', dated May 23, 2025, be received for information.*

**CARRIED**



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**AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

R25/11-2

It was moved and seconded

*That:*

- (1) *a correction be made to Item No. 12, “Referral Response – Release of Closed Council Information”, where there is an on-table memo that proposes slight word adjustments to recommendations 2 and 3;*
- (2) *a correction be made in the Bylaw section that the notation below Bylaw 10277 that refers to the SSMUH Bylaw 10573 is in reference to the subsequent Bylaw 10288; and*
- (3) *the addition of an item related to Bylaw 10671, that was not included in the Council package for Item No. 17, is provided on table (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1).*

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Stuart Corrigan, Chair, Richmond Sports Council, presented an update on current priorities, noted key issues impacting the local sports community, and sought opportunities for continued collaboration with the City for ongoing initiatives to support community sports. Copies of the results of a recent comprehensive member survey, summarizing the Richmond Sports Council facilities and organizational needs, was provided on table (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 2).
- (2) Marcos Alejandro Badra, Manager, Circular Economy, and Chad Paulin, Director, Climate and Environment, presented the 2025 BC Embodied Carbon Public Sector Leadership Award to Council.



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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

- R25/11-3     2.     It was moved and seconded  
*That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on agenda items (7:21 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

3.     Delegations from the floor on Agenda items:  
Item No. 11 – Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)  
Funding Cuts

De Whalen, Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (RPRC), expressed appreciation for the City addressing the subject funding cuts, noting that the RPRC met with both Richmond Members of Parliament and has also written to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to reinstate funding for settlement programs. Ms. Whalen further noted that any additional correspondence by RPRC to the provincial or federal governments pertaining to this matter will also be copied to the City.

- R25/11-4     4.     It was moved and seconded  
*That Committee rise and report (7:26 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- R25/11-5     5.     It was moved and seconded  
*That Items No. 6 through No. 11, and Items No. 13 through 17 be adopted by general consent.*

**CARRIED**



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6. **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*That the minutes of:*

- (1) *the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting held on May 27, 2025;*
  - (2) *the General Purposes Committee meeting held on June 2, 2025;*
  - (3) *the Finance Committee meeting held on June 2, 2025; and*
  - (4) *the Planning Committee meeting held on June 3, 2025;*
- be received for information.*

7. **PLAQUE RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL HISTORIC EVENT  
RELATED TO TOMKICHI HOMMA**

(File Ref. No. 06-2050-20-JNB; XR: 01-0083-01) (REDMS No. 8074867.)

*That the proposed location for the installation of the National Historic Event Designation Cunningham v. Tomey Homma plaque, in the front garden of the Japanese Benevolent Fishermen's Society Building, be supported in principle, and that the application process for the associated Heritage Alteration Permit required for the building, proceed.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

8. **2025-2026 ENGAGING ARTISTS IN COMMUNITY PROGRAM  
PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20-089) (REDMS No. 7999500, 7878869, 8015699)

*That the 2025-2026 Engaging Artists in Community Program Public Art Projects, as presented in the staff report titled "2025-2026 Engaging Artists in Community Program Public Art Projects", dated May 5, 2025, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be approved.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**9. PROPOSED PRACTICES TO ACCELERATE BLACKBERRY MANAGEMENT IN RICHMOND**

(File Ref. No. 10-6160-07-01) (REDMS No. 7808159, 7773942, 8023001, 7976061, 8053442, 7792618)

*That Option 2, as outlined in the staff report titled “Proposed Practices to Accelerate Blackberry Management in Richmond”, dated May 5, 2025, from the Director, Climate and Environment and the Director, Parks Services, for the implementation of an annual blackberry management program, be approved.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**10. HUGH BOYD COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND RENEWAL – ENGAGEMENT RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS**

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-HBOY1) (REDMS No. 8006401, 7957402, 8055787, 8024499, 8024500, 8024506, 8037247)

- (1) That the priorities and scope as outlined in the Playground Renewal section in the staff report titled “Hugh Boyd Community Park Playground Renewal – Engagement Results and Next Steps”, dated May 5, 2025, from the Director, Park Services, be approved; and*
- (2) That staff proceed with next steps as outlined in the staff report titled “Hugh Boyd Community Park Playground Renewal – Engagement Results and Next Steps”, dated May 5, 2025, from the Director, Park Services.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**11. IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA (IRCC)  
FUNDING CUTS**

(File Ref. No. 01-0140-20-IRCI1; XR: 01-0060-20-UBCM1-08) (REDMS No. 8056346, 8056894, 8069388)

- (1) *That a letter be prepared for the Mayor's signature addressed to federal government officials including: the Prime Minister of Canada; Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship; and Richmond's Members of Parliament to advocate for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to reinstate funding for settlement programs in Richmond in response to the ongoing needs of newcomers, immigrants and refugees, as outlined in the staff report titled "Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Funding Cuts", dated May 21, 2025, from the Director, Community Social Development; and*
- (2) *That the proposed resolution, titled "Reinstatement of Federal Funding for Settlement Programs" (Attachment 1), that calls for the Government of British Columbia to advocate to the federal government to reinstate funding for settlement programs in BC and develop a sustainable funding model for the continuation of these programs, be endorsed and submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration during its 2025 UBCM Convention.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**12. REFERRAL RESPONSE – RELEASE OF CLOSED COUNCIL  
INFORMATION**

(File Ref. No. 01-0095-20-1019; 01-0095-20-1309) (REDMS No. 8060729, 5333693, 8060776, 5624239, 8070427)

See Page 10 for action on this item.



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**13. APPLICATION BY FOUGERE ARCHITECTURE INC. FOR REZONING AT 9040 FRANCIS ROAD FROM THE “NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMERCIAL (CN)” ZONE TO THE “RESIDENTIAL/LIMITED COMMERCIAL (ZMU60) – FRANCIS ROAD (BROADMOOR)” ZONE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010649, RZ. 2024-011883; 12-8060-20-010650) (REDMS No. 7973056, 7973118, 7973117)

- (1) *That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10649, to change the land use designation of 9040 Francis Road from “Commercial” to “Limited Mixed Use” in Attachment 1 to Schedule 1 of Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 9000 (City of Richmond 2041 OCP Land Use Map), be introduced and given first reading;*
- (2) *That Bylaw 10649, having been considered in conjunction with:*
  - (a) *the City’s Financial Plan and Capital Program; and*
  - (b) *the Greater Vancouver Regional District Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management Plans;**is hereby found to be consistent with said program and plans, in accordance with Section 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act;*
- (3) *That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw 9000, Amendment Bylaw 10649, having been considered in accordance with OCP Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy 5043, is hereby found not to require further consultation; and*
- (4) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10650, to create the “Residential/Limited Commercial (ZMU60) – Francis Road (Broadmoor)” zone, and to rezone 9040 Francis Road from “Neighbourhood Commercial (CN)” to “Residential/Limited Commercial (ZMU60) – Francis Road (Broadmoor)” zone, be introduced and given first reading.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**





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**14. APPLICATION BY MATTHEW CHENG ARCHITECT INC. FOR REZONING AT 8160 NO. 5 ROAD FROM AGRICULTURE (AG1) TO ASSEMBLY (ASY)**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010662, RZ 2023-026410) (REDMS No. 7982112, 3651855, 7036157, 8007697)

*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10662, for the rezoning of the westerly 110 m of 8160 No. 5 Road from “Agriculture (AG1)” to “Assembly (ASY)” to facilitate the proposed assembly use (religious statues), associated parking, existing barn and proposed roadside stand be introduced and given first reading.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**15. RESPONSE TO METRO VANCOUVER’S REFERRAL: METRO 2050 REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE CITY OF DELTA FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4800 AND 5133 SPRINGS BOULEVARD**

(File Ref. No. 01-0157-30-RGST1) (REDMS No. 8050641)

*That the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board be advised that the City of Richmond has no comment on the proposed amendment to the Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy and that this recommendation and accompanying staff report titled “Response to Metro Vancouver’s Referral: Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Proposed by the City of Delta for the Properties Located at 4800 and 5133 Springs Boulevard”, dated May 9, 2025, from the Director, Policy Planning, be provided to the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**





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**16. HOUSING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS TO  
UPDATE LOW-END MARKET RENTAL RENTS IN TWO  
DEVELOPMENTS**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010673/10647) (REDMS No. 8041124, 8042422, 8026796, 8015817)

- (1) That Housing Agreement (10140, 10160 & 10180 No 1 Road and 4051 & 4068 Cavendish Drive) Bylaw No. 10490, Amendment Bylaw No. 10673 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings; and*
- (2) That Housing Agreement (23241, 23281 and part of 23301 Gilley Road and part of 23060 and 23000 Westminster Highway) Bylaw No. 9552, Amendment Bylaw No. 10647 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

**17. APPLICATION BY SIAN ENTERPRISES LTD FOR REZONING AT  
9620, 9640, 9660 AND 9700 ALBERTA ROAD FROM “SMALL-SCALE  
MULTI-UNIT HOUSING (RSM/XL)” ZONE TO “MEDIUM DENSITY  
TOWNHOUSES (RTM3)” ZONE**

(File Ref. No. 12-8060-20-010671, RZ 2018-829606) (REDMS No. 8023770, 8075676, 2443152, 7976912)

*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10671, for the rezoning of 9620, 9640, 9660 and 9700 Alberta Road from “Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (RSM/XL)” zone to “Medium Density Townhouses (RTM3)” zone, be introduced and given first, second and third reading.*

**ADOPTED ON CONSENT**



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**NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair

**12. REFERRAL RESPONSE – RELEASE OF CLOSED COUNCIL INFORMATION**

(File Ref. No. 01-0095-20-1019; 01-0095-20-1309) (REDMS No. 8060729, 5333693, 8060776, 5624239, 8070427)

The proposed slight word amendments to recommendations (2) and (3) were noted.

R25/11-6

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed amendments to Council Policy 1019 “Routine Release of Closed Resolutions and Reports” as outlined in the staff report titled “Referral Response - Release of Closed Council Information”, dated May 20, 2025, from the Director, City Clerk's Office be approved;*
- (2) *That the voting record be made public at the time a closed report, closed council resolution and /or closed council information is disclosed, and that this requirement be applied retroactively to January 1, 2024; and*
- (3) *That the essence of Council's discussion be summarized in a closed meeting and disclosed at the time the closed report, closed council resolution and/or closed council information is made public, without attributing specific statements to individual members of Council and be applied retroactively to January 1, 2025, and that Council approve the amendments to Council Policy 1309 “Recording of Closed Council Minutes” accordingly.*

The question on Resolution No. R25/11-6 was not called as discussion ensued with respect to the release of materials and disclosure of the voting record of Closed Council meetings.



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As a result of the discussion, the following **amendment motion** was introduced:

R25/11-7

It was moved and seconded

That Part (2) of the main motion be amended to require the voting record be made public retroactively to the beginning of the Council term in 2022.

**CARRIED**

The question on Resolution No. R25/11-6, as amended, which reads as follows:

- (1) *That the proposed amendments to Council Policy 1019 “Routine Release of Closed Resolutions and Reports”, as outlined in the staff report titled “Referral Response - Release of Closed Council Information”, dated May 20, 2025, from the Director, City Clerk's Office be approved;*
- (2) *That the voting record be made public at the time a closed report, closed council resolution and /or closed council information is disclosed, and that this requirement be applied retroactively to the beginning of the Council term in 2022; and*
- (3) *That the essence of Council's discussion be summarized in a closed meeting and disclosed at the time the closed report, closed council resolution and/or closed council information is made public, without attributing specific statements to individual members of Council and be applied retroactively to January 1, 2025, and that Council approve the amendments to Council Policy 1309 “Recording of Closed Council Minutes” accordingly.*

was then called, and it was **CARRIED**.



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**BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION**

R25/11-8      It was moved and seconded  
*That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 10277 (6740 and 6780 Francis Road, RZ 17-775025) be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Cllrs. Day  
Wolfe

R25/11-9      It was moved and seconded  
*That the following bylaws be adopted:*

**NOTE:**      **Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 10288;**  
*Note: With the implementation of Bylaw No. 10573 (SSMUH) Bylaw, Bylaw No. 10288 is now rezoning from RSM/XL zone to RTL4 zone.*

**Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 10665;**

**Notice of Bylaw Violation Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 8122, Amendment Bylaw No. 10666;**

**Municipal Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 7321, Amendment Bylaw No. 10667;**

**Business Regulation Bylaw No. 7538, Amendment Bylaw No. 10668;**

**Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 10669;**

**Housing Agreement (Market Rental Housing) 3420 Ketcheson Court, Bylaw No. 10672; and**

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PANEL**

R25/11-10    18. It was moved and seconded  
*(1) That the minutes and the Chair's report for the Development Permit Panel meetings held on January 24, 2024 and March 27, 2024, and March 13, 2024, be received for information.*



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- (2) *That the recommendations of the Panel to authorize the issuance of:*
- (a) *a Development Permit (DP 22-021165) for the properties at 6571 and 6591 No. 1 Road;*
  - (b) *Development Permit (DP 21-941827) for the property at 6740 and 6780 Francis Road,*
- be endorsed, and the Permits so issued.*

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- R25/11-11 19. It was moved and seconded  
*That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole to hear delegations on non-agenda items (8:02 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

De Whalen, on behalf of the Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (RPRC), spoke to the request for the City of Richmond to endorse and forward a resolution to the 2025 UBCM conference regarding the right to housing as a human right.

In response to queries from Council, Ms. Whalen noted (i) the Federal Government has already declared that housing is a right by writing their strategy in the work they are doing, and (ii) not all provincial governments have declared housing as a human right.

Ms. Whalen further noted she recently stepped back from her role as President, RPRC, and will continue to support RPRC as a volunteer.

- R25/11-12 It was moved and seconded  
*That the submission from the Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition be referred to staff.*

**CARRIED**



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- R25/11-13    20.    It was moved and seconded  
                         *That Committee rise and report (8:09 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- R25/11-14            It was moved and seconded  
                         *That the meeting adjourn (8:10 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the  
Minutes of the Regular meeting of the  
Council of the City of Richmond held on  
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Mayor (Malcolm D. Brodie)

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Corporate Officer (Claudia Jesson)



City of  
Richmond

ON TABLE ITEM  
Date: *June 9, 2025*  
Meeting: *Council*  
Item: *#17*

Schedule 1 to the Minutes  
of the Regular meeting of  
Richmond City Council held  
on Monday, June 9, 2025

**Bylaw 10671**

**Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500  
Amendment Bylaw 10671 (RZ 18-829606)  
9620, 9640, 9660 and 9700 Alberta Road**

The Council of the City of Richmond, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Zoning Map of the City of Richmond, which accompanies and forms part of Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, is amended by repealing the existing zoning designation of the following area and by designating it "**MEDIUM DENSITY TOWNHOUSES (RTM3)**".

P.I.D. 011-770-686

East Half Lot 10 Except: Part Subdivided By Plan BCP15290 Block C Section 10 Block 4  
North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan 1305

P.I.D. 003-735-893

West Half Lot 11 Except: Part Subdivided By Plan BCP15290 Block C Section 10 Block 4  
North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan 1305

P.I.D. 012-107-191

East Half Lot 11 Except: Part Subdivided By Plan BCP15290 Block C Section 10 Block 4  
North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan 1305

P.I.D. 001-512-005

Lot 1 Section 10 Block 4 North Range 6 West New Westminster District Plan 1712


2. This Bylaw may be cited as "**Richmond Zoning Bylaw 8500, Amendment Bylaw 10671**".

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING

OTHER CONDITIONS SATISFIED

ADOPTED

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CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED by 
APPROVED by Director or Solicitor 

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CORPORATE OFFICER



# Richmond Sports Council

## Membership Survey

May 2025

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## **Richmond Sports Council – Member's Survey Responses**

### **Notifications received:**

1. Richmond Aquatics Advisor Board
2. Richmond Minor Football League
3. Richmond Rod & Gun Club
4. Councillor Bill McNulty
5. Richmond Gymnastics Association
6. Richmond Chess Champions
7. F-16 Badminton Club
8. Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club
9. Richmond Softball Association
10. Richmond Sockeyes Junior A Hockey Club
11. Richmond United FC
12. Richmond Tennis Club
13. Richmond Dragon Boat
14. Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey Association
15. Richmond Arenas Community Association
16. Richmond Pickleball Association
17. International Karate Organization
18. Richmond Curling Club
19. KidSport Richmond
20. TSS Rovers Football Club Inc
21. Vancouver Ultimate League Society
22. Richmond Rugby Club
23. The Dugout Club (Baseball)

### **Notification received – not responding**

1. Richmond School Board
2. Richmond Oval

### **Other – nonresponding**

1. Richmond Sports Hosting
2. Richmond Lacrosse Association
3. Richmond Cricket Club
4. Kajaks Track & Field
5. Richmond Centre for Disability
6. Richmond City Baseball
7. Richmond Lawn Bowling

### **Other**

1. City of Richmond

# Richmond Sports Council Facilities and Organizational Needs Report

## Executive Summary

The Richmond Sports Council has gathered feedback from its members regarding their most pressing needs in terms of facilities, amenities, infrastructure, and routine organizational support.

This report summarizes the key priorities and provides recommendations for addressing these needs.

## Key Priorities by Organization

### 1. Aquatic Facilities

- Need for a new 50m pool to accommodate increasing population and support City programs and user group growth.
- Support in promoting the need for a new aquatic center.

### 2. Field Sports & Storage Needs

- **Richmond Minor Football League:** Storage facilities at Minoru Oval; alternative field use during Hugh Boyd Pavilion construction.
- **Richmond United FC:** Additional all-weather fields in East Richmond; mini-fields or lit grass for programming; storage solutions at various fields.
- **Vancouver Ultimate League Society:** More lit full-sized grass fields, additional washrooms, and adult booking accommodations.
- **Richmond Softball Association:** New diamond with enhanced amenities at Steveston London complex; new batting cage at McNair.
- **Richmond Sockeyes Junior A Hockey Club:** More ice time and support for game attendance.
- **Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club:** Additional ice time and storage space.
- **Dugout Club:** Heated indoor multi-use batting cages that support year-round player development.
- **Richmond Rugby Club:**
  - Urgent need for additional change and shower facilities to accommodate four to six different teams (including U-18 players of different genders) on weekends. Current space limitations are leading to inappropriate overlaps and players waiting outside in poor weather conditions. A second on-site portable, similar to the existing one, is requested.
  - Additional storage capacity needed, ideally in the form of another shipping container or an added storage room attached to the portable.
  - Creation of a small concession area to replace the temporary field-side setup used since 2023, helping to foster community and offset costs during match days.

- Additional bleacher seating on the west side of King George Park would be beneficial, though it is not as urgent as the above needs.

### 3. Specialized Indoor & Outdoor Sports Facilities

- **Richmond Rod & Gun Club:** Permanent indoor facilities for archery and air gun sports; development of a 70m Olympic indoor and outdoor range.
- **Richmond Tennis Club:** Additional court “bubble” for winter play; new courts due to demand.
- **Richmond Dragon Boat Association:** Protective boat covers, off-season storage, additional buoys, and portable communication systems.
- **Richmond Pickleball Association:** More dedicated pickleball courts and covered outdoor multi-use sports boxes.
- **Richmond Curling Club:** Facility assessment and potential upgrades by the city.
- **International Karate Organization:** A comprehensive sports fieldhouse with multi-sport indoor amenities.
- **Richmond Gymnastics Association:** New facility needed by 2026, either standalone or within a multi-use sports complex.
- **F-16 Badminton Club:** Access to school gyms with suitable ceiling height; review of school rental policies.
- Gibbons Park updated and modified for ease of use, including the addition of a batting cage and a storage container to streamline operations and enhance training environments.

### 4. Organizational & Administrative Support

- **Richmond Chess Champions:** Need for a large public venue for major chess tournaments; priority access to facilities.
- **Richmond Arenas Community Association:** Insights on managing volunteer boards and youth sports organizations.
- **KidSport Richmond:** General support for community sports.
- **TSS Rovers Football Club Inc.:** Changing room facilities at King George Park; enclosed stadium seating for at least 400 spectators.
- **Dugout Club:** Benefits from a common registration platform and volunteer base, providing streamlined administrative processes. The Club continues to advocate for its evolving needs to ensure sustainability and growth.

## Recommendations

### Advocate for New & Upgraded Facilities

- Engage with city officials and stakeholders to plan for facility expansions, including new pools, sports fields, and multi-use sports centers.
- Support funding initiatives for new infrastructure developments.

### Improve Coordination Between Sports Groups & Facility Operators

- Facilitate communication regarding field allocations to maximize access for multiple sports.
- Work with Richmond School Board to improve school gym rental policies and ensure equitable access.

## **Enhance Storage & Equipment Accessibility**

- Identify shared storage solutions at key sports venues to ease logistical burdens on teams and coaches.
- Explore city partnerships for expanded on-site storage at community fields and arenas.

## **Develop Centralized Information & Promotion Channels**

- Create a Richmond Sports Council website or portal listing available sports programs, venues, and event calendars.
- Establish a grant and funding resource center to assist organizations in securing financial support.

## **Strengthen Multi-Sport Advocacy & Representation**

- Work with city council to promote multi-sport developments that benefit diverse community needs.
- Organize periodic stakeholder meetings to ensure collaborative planning and advocacy for facility improvements.

## **Conclusion**

The Richmond Sports Council has identified critical facility and organizational needs across multiple sports organizations. Addressing these priorities will require strategic partnerships with the city, school board, and private stakeholders. By advocating for enhanced infrastructure, streamlined facility use, and better organizational support, Richmond can continue to be a premier destination for athletic excellence and community participation in sports.

# Richmond Sports Council Facilities and Organizational Needs Report

## Executive Summary

The Richmond Sports Council has gathered feedback from its members regarding their most pressing needs in terms of facilities, amenities, infrastructure, and routine organizational support.

This report summarizes the key priorities and provides recommendations for addressing these needs.

## Key Priorities by Facility Type

### 1. Aquatic Facilities

- **New Pool Facility:** Needed to accommodate increasing population and support City programs and user group growth.
- **Richmond Aquatic Centre:** Support in promoting the need for an additional or expanded facility.
- **50M Swimming Facility in East Richmond:** Proposed by Councillor Bill McNulty.

### 2. Field Sports & Outdoor Facilities

- **Minoru Oval:** Storage facilities for Richmond Minor Football League; alternative field use during Hugh Boyd Pavilion construction.
- **Hugh Boyd Community Park:** Ensuring alternative field access during pavilion construction.
- **King George Park:** Additional all-weather fields, mini-fields, or lit grass fields.
- **Steveston London Complex:** New softball diamond with dugouts, netting, and spectator seating; improved drainage.
- **McNair Complex:** New batting cage for Richmond Softball Association.
- **South Arm Park:** Installation of artificial turf field.
- **Sidway Road Property:** Development opportunities for sports facilities.
- **Various Locations:** Storage solutions for Richmond United FC and other field sports organizations.
- **Outdoor 70m Archery Range:** Needed to prevent archers from traveling to Burnaby for training.
- **Gibbons Park Field:** Heated Indoor Multi-Use Batting Cages, these allow players to train throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions, supporting skill development and consistent practice schedules.
- **Gibbons Park Field:** This site has been updated and modified for “ease of use,” ensuring better access and functionality for practices and games. Amenities include a dedicated batting cage and on-site storage container to improve operational logistics.

### 3. Indoor Sports Facilities

- **Richmond Rod & Gun Club:** Permanent indoor facilities for archery and air gun sports.
- **Proposed 70m Olympic Archery Range:** Needed for both indoor and outdoor training and competitions.
- **Richmond Tennis Club:** Additional court “bubble” for winter play; new courts to meet demand.
- **UBC Boathouse:** Protective boat covers, dry storage, and additional dock buoys for Richmond Dragon Boating.
- **Richmond Pickleball Courts:** Expansion of existing courts and covered outdoor multi-use sports boxes.
- **Richmond Curling Club:** Facility assessment and potential upgrades.
- **International Karate Organization:** Proposal for a comprehensive sports fieldhouse with multi-sport indoor amenities.
- **Richmond Gymnastics Association:** New 15,000 sq ft facility or space in a multi-use sports complex before June 2026.
- **Richmond Badminton Facilities:** Blair and General Currie Elementary gyms identified as key locations with suitable ceiling heights.
- **Jack Crosby Facility Equivalent:** Proposed multi-sport complex similar to Burnaby's facility.

### 4. Ice Rinks & Arena Needs

- **Richmond Arenas Community Association:** Upgrades to Richmond Ice Centre and Minoru Rinks; additional ice surfaces and improved spectator areas.
- **Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club:** More storage and increased ice time.
- **Richmond Sockeyes Junior A Hockey Club:** Additional ice time and support for game attendance.

### 5. Multi-Sport & Community Venues

- **Richmond Chess Champions:** Need for a large public venue for major chess tournaments.
- **TSS Rovers Football Club:** Changing rooms at King George Park; enclosed stadium seating for at least 400 spectators.
- **Richmond Olympic Oval:** Additional support for multi-sport programming and community engagement.
- **Vancouver Ultimate League Society:** More lit grass fields, portable washroom access, and field markings for Ultimate Frisbee.
- **Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey Association:** Continued access to school gyms at reasonable rental rates.

### Recommendations

- **Advocate for New & Upgraded Facilities**
  - Engage with city officials and stakeholders to plan for facility expansions, including new pools, sports fields, and multi-use sports centers.
  - Support funding initiatives for new infrastructure developments.
- **Improve Coordination Between Sports Groups & Facility Operators**



- Facilitate communication regarding field allocations to maximize access for multiple sports.
- Work with Richmond School Board to improve school gym rental policies and ensure equitable access.
- **Enhance Storage & Equipment Accessibility**
  - Identify shared storage solutions at key sports venues to ease logistical burdens on teams and coaches.
  - Explore city partnerships for expanded on-site storage at community fields and arenas.
- **Develop Centralized Information & Promotion Channels**
  - Create a Richmond Sports Council website or portal listing available sports programs, venues, and event calendars.
  - Establish a grant and funding resource center to assist organizations in securing financial support.
- **Strengthen Multi-Sport Advocacy & Representation**
  - Work with city council to promote multi-sport developments that benefit diverse community needs.
  - Organize periodic stakeholder meetings to ensure collaborative planning and advocacy for facility improvements.
- **Common Registration System**
  - Shared registration tools streamline participation and reduce administrative workload.
- **Volunteer Base Registration**
  - Access to a city-supported volunteer base helps with event staffing and operations.
- **Advocacy**
  - We appreciate continued representation and a collective voice to highlight our evolving needs, particularly as our club grows in size and scope.

## Conclusion

The Richmond Sports Council has identified critical facility and organizational needs across multiple sports organizations. Addressing these priorities will require strategic partnerships with the city, school board, and private stakeholders. By advocating for enhanced infrastructure, streamlined facility use, and better organizational support, Richmond can continue to be a premier destination for athletic excellence and community participation in sports.

# Sports in Richmond: Participant and Organizational Overview

## Richmond Sports Council

### Introduction

This report provides an overview of sports organizations active in Richmond, highlighting participant demographics, staffing (coaches, officials, support, volunteers), and organizational needs. The data reflects the diverse and growing interest in recreational and competitive sports across all age groups in the city.

### Summary of Key Metrics

- **Total Number of Organizations Listed:** 27
- **Sports Categories Represented:** Swimming, Archery, Airgun, Gymnastics, Chess, Badminton, Speed Skating, Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Dragon Boat, Floor Hockey, Pickleball, Curling, Football, Ultimate, Karate, Softball
- **Age Group Representation:**
  - Youth (Up to 18 years): Strong representation across most sports
  - Adults (19–54 years): Present in nearly all organizations
  - Seniors (55+ years): Active particularly in Pickleball, Curling, and Tennis

### Key Observations

- **Youth Engagement:** High participation in swimming, gymnastics, and soccer programs.
- **Adult Participation:** Notably strong in Archery, Airgun, and Dragon Boat racing.
- **Senior Participation:** Prominent in Pickleball (417 participants) and Curling (230 participants).
- **Volunteer Involvement:** Richmond Arenas Community Association has the highest number of volunteers (500), indicating a large-scale operation and community engagement.
- **Waitlists:** Notably, the F-16 Badminton Club has a waitlist of 49 individuals, suggesting high demand.

## Recommendations

1. **Facility Expansion for High-Demand Sports:** Consider expanding facilities for badminton, soccer, and skating to meet demand and reduce waitlists.
2. **Support for Senior Programs:** Continued investment in Pickleball and Curling facilities is recommended due to strong senior participation.
3. **Volunteer Recruitment and Training:** Programs with lower volunteer numbers could benefit from coordinated recruitment strategies.
4. **Cross-Collaboration:** Encourage partnerships between sports organizations for shared coaching and support resources.

## Other

1. KidSport Richmond
2. Richmond School District
3. Richmond Oval

## Richmond Sports Council Facilities and Organizational Needs Report

### Participants

Organizations	Participants			Coach	Officials	Support	Volunteers
	<i>Up to 18 yrs</i>	<i>19 ~ 54 yrs</i>	<i>55+ yrs</i>				
Swim - Kigoos	200	45	5	15	25	10	200
Swim - Rapids	429	3		42	30	1	200
Swim - SAA		30		3		1	9
Swim - PWASC	78	1		11	5	1	115
Richmond Minor Football	300			40		15	60
Richmond Rod & Gun Club - Archery	453	1684		2		12	10
Richmond Rod & Gun Club - Airgun	1151	775		3	1	3	10
Richmond Gymnastics	933	20		20	3	2	30
Richmond Chess Champions	70	20	10	2	2	4	10
F-16 Badminton Club	175	25	5	50	5	8	56
F-16 Badminton Club -waitlist	49						
Richmond Rockets Speed Skating Club	64	16	8	7	10		48
Richmond Sockeyes JR A Hockey	25	15	5	5	5	5	30
Richmond United FC Soccer	1550			60	12	20	80
Richmond Tennis Club	300	201	127	3		8	30+
Richmond Dragon Boat		85	35	4		12	30
Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey Association	250	150	5	100	15		25
Richmond BC Pickleball Association	2	212	417	10	11	50	50
Richmond Curling Club	70	20	230	10		17	100
TSS Rovers Football Club Inc	300	54		30	15	4	
Vancouver Ultimate League Society	95	58		20		2	10
Richmond Arenas Community Association	3200	1400	180	300	200+	250	500
Richmond Softball Association	345	45		30	55	12	10
International Karate Organization	250	200	50	40	20	50	100
The Dugout Club (Baseball)	100			10	4		15
Richmond Rugby Club	52	84	3	15	6	10	25

**Total numbers across all organizations in each category:**

• Youth Participants (≤18 years):	10,441
• Adult Participants (19–54 years):	5,143
• Senior Participants (55+ years):	1,080
• Coaches:	832
• Officials:	425
• Support Staff:	497
• Volunteers:	1,753

# Richmond Sports Council – Members Facilities/Needs Assessment

## Analysis of various options

### 1. Aquatic Facilities

#### Arguments For:

- **Population growth** justifies the need for expanded aquatic facilities.
- Existing pools are **at or near capacity**, limiting access for both recreational and competitive users.
- Additional pool space supports **public health**, water safety education, and elite training.
- East Richmond is **underserved** in aquatic access.

#### Arguments Against:

- Pools are **high capital and operating cost** facilities.
- Requires a **large footprint of land** that may be scarce.
- Long development timelines may not meet short-term demand.
- Other infrastructure (e.g., turf fields) may serve more users per dollar spent.

### 2. Field Sports & Outdoor Facilities

#### Arguments For:

- Field sports have **broad youth participation**, especially in soccer, softball, and football.
- **All-weather, lit fields** increase usage hours and reduce cancellations.
- Storage and basic infrastructure (like washrooms, lighting) are **low-cost improvements** that offer high utility.
- Development of **King George and Sidaway** addresses inequity in field access across neighborhoods.

#### Arguments Against:

- High use and multiple user groups make **scheduling contentious**.

- Some upgrades (like artificial turf) come with **environmental concerns**, including heat islands and microplastics.
- Ongoing **maintenance costs** for turf and lights.
- Risk of overbuilding fields without multi-sport integration.

### 3. Indoor Sport Facilities

#### Arguments For:

- Indoor facilities support **year-round training** and accessibility regardless of weather.
- Specialized facilities (archery, badminton, gymnastics) attract **elite athletes and events**, raising Richmond's profile.
- Multi-use facilities create **efficiencies in space and operations**.
- Growing sports like pickleball and badminton serve **diverse age groups** and promote lifelong participation.

#### Arguments Against:

- Large, specialized indoor spaces have **high construction costs**.
- Usage may be **limited to specific demographics or sports**, raising equity concerns.
- Difficult to find **adequate land or retrofit options** in high-density areas.
- Ongoing **scheduling conflicts** if not managed well.

### 4. Ice Rinks & Arena Needs

#### Arguments For:

- High demand and **limited ice time**—especially for minor hockey and speed skating—justifies expansion.
- Upgrades improve **spectator experience**, potentially increasing attendance and revenue.
- Expanded dry floor spaces increase **multi-seasonal use**.

#### Arguments Against:

- **Very high cost** per square foot and high utility costs (especially for refrigeration).



- Limited flexibility for non-ice users.
- Scheduling challenges already exist—**more rinks may not solve inequity** without better allocation models.

## 5. Multi-Sport & Community Venues

### Arguments For:

- Venues like a central chess tournament space or indoor fieldhouse serve **diverse users** across multiple sports.
- **Community-wide resources** (e.g., grant listings, programming calendars) improve visibility and access.
- Promotes **collaboration between groups** and reduces siloed planning.
- Helps less-visible sports (dragon boating, ultimate, chess) gain a **fair platform**.

### Arguments Against:

- Large multi-sport venues are **complex to design and program equitably**.
- Risk of **under-utilization** if not co-designed with community.
- Technology and communication tools need **dedicated staff** to manage.
- Not all requests serve a **wide or urgent community need**.

## Overall Recommendations

- **Prioritize East Richmond development** for fields, aquatic, and multi-sport access to address geographic equity.
- **Support facility-sharing models** (e.g., indoor fieldhouses, high-ceiling gyms) to maximize space across sports.
- **Work with SD#38** to optimize gym access based on user needs (e.g., ceiling height, safe sport equipment).
- **Invest in storage infrastructure** as a cost-effective way to support volunteer-led organizations.
- **Develop a shared event calendar and digital engagement hub** to promote all Richmond sports and clubs.
- **Advocate for multi-purpose complexes** that integrate specialized sport areas to serve both high-performance and community recreation.

Facility Type	Key Priorities	Arguments For	Arguments Against
<b>Aquatic Facilities</b>	- New 50m pool in East Richmond- Support for growing population and program demand	- Addressing population growth- Expanding access for recreation, therapy & competition- High community benefit across age groups	- High capital and operating costs- Long construction timelines- Competes with other urgent infrastructure needs
<b>Outdoor Fields (Turf &amp; Grass)</b>	- All-weather lit fields east of King George- Improved drainage and lighting at Steveston London- Artificial turf at South Arm- Mini-fields or rebound walls	- Broad user base (soccer, football, ultimate, softball)- Maximizes year-round usage- Equitable access across city- Promotes youth participation	- Turf fields raise environmental concerns- Potential overuse and scheduling conflicts- Costs of maintenance and turf replacement
<b>Indoor Sport Facilities</b>	- Gymnastics facility (15,000 sq ft)- Indoor fieldhouse & sport complex- Olympic-standard archery range- More school gym access for badminton	- Year-round programming and athlete development- Supports Olympic pathway athletes- Efficient shared-use models- Popular growth sports like pickleball, badminton and gymnastics	- High land and build costs- Specialized spaces may serve fewer groups- Limited facility availability in dense urban areas
<b>Ice Rinks &amp; Arena Space</b>	- Additional ice time for speed skating, hockey- Upgrades to Minoru & Richmond Ice Centre- Dry floor and outdoor training space	- Heavy use and waitlists for existing rinks- Opportunity for revenue from events/spectators- Supports year-round training	- Expensive to build and operate- Energy-intensive (refrigeration)- Scheduling solutions may be needed first before adding new rinks
<b>Storage Facilities</b>	- On-site equipment storage at Minoru Oval, King George Park, Boyd and other fields- Storage behind shooting ranges, in boathouses, etc.	- Reduces wear-and-tear on equipment- Improves coach experience and program efficiency- Low cost relative to impact	- May take up land or space needed for programming- Risk of unequal access among groups if not well-managed
<b>Multipurpose Venues &amp; Community Access</b>	- Indoor arena for events (e.g. chess, martial arts)- Centralized event calendar, marketing, and grants database- Communication system for dragon boaters	- Supports underserved sports and public awareness- Shared venues maximize usage- Brings sports groups together- Promotes active living across ages	- Admin tools require ongoing city staff support- Difficult to prioritize space without clear usage demand- May be seen as lower priority compared to capital infrastructure needs
<b>Special Use (Archery, Curling, Dragon Boat)</b>	- Permanent home for air gun and archery- Outdoor archery range- Boat protection, dry storage, communications equipment	- Positions Richmond as a regional/national sport destination- Enables high-level events and training- Expands recreational variety	- Niche sport demands may not justify large investment- May not serve a wide enough community base unless paired with broader uses

# Richmond Sports Council Facilities and Organizational Needs Report

This report provides estimated construction costs for various proposed sports facilities in Richmond, British Columbia, based on current industry standards in Canada. *All estimates exclude land acquisition costs and focus solely on construction expenses.*

## 1. Aquatic Facilities

**Proposed Facility:** New 50-metre swimming pool in East Richmond.

**Estimated Size:** Approximately 50,000 square feet.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$20,000,000 CAD.

**Cost Breakdown:**

- **Per Square Foot Estimate:** \$400 CAD.

**Rationale:** Building a modern aquatic centre with a 50-metre pool typically involves higher per-square-foot costs due to specialized systems for water filtration, heating, and humidity control. Industry standards suggest costs ranging from \$400 to \$600 per square foot for such facilities.

## 2. Indoor Sports Complex

**Proposed Facility:** Comprehensive indoor sports complex including facilities for gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, and martial arts.

**Estimated Size:** Approximately 70,000 square feet.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$24,500,000 CAD.

**Cost Breakdown:**

- **Per Square Foot Estimate:** \$350 CAD.

**Rationale:** Multi-purpose sports complexes benefit from economies of scale, leading to moderate per-square-foot costs. The inclusion of various sports facilities necessitates versatile design and construction approaches.

### **3. Ice Rinks & Arenas**

**Proposed Facility:** Additional ice rink facilities and upgrades to existing arenas.

**Estimated Size:** Approximately 20,000 square feet per rink.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$9,720,000 CAD per rink.

**Cost Breakdown:**

- **Per Square Foot Estimate:** \$486 CAD.

**Rationale:** The construction of ice rinks involves specialized refrigeration and insulation systems, contributing to higher construction costs. For instance, the Pomeroy Sport Centre in Fort St. John, BC, which includes two ice rinks, was constructed at a cost of \$44 million CAD.

### **4. Gymnastics Facility**

**Proposed Facility:** Dedicated gymnastics facility.

**Estimated Size:** Approximately 15,000 square feet.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$4,500,000 CAD.

**Cost Breakdown:**

- **Per Square Foot Estimate:** \$300 CAD.

**Rationale:** Gymnastics facilities require open spaces with high ceilings and specialized flooring, leading to moderate construction costs. Industry estimates for such facilities range from \$250 to \$350 per square foot.

### **5. Indoor Fieldhouse**

**Proposed Facility:** Indoor fieldhouse for sports like soccer and track and field.

**Estimated Size:** Approximately 50,000 square feet.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$15,000,000 CAD.

**Cost Breakdown:**

- **Per Square Foot Estimate:** \$300 CAD.

**Rationale:** Fieldhouses typically involve large, open spaces with minimal interior finishes, resulting in lower per-square-foot costs compared to more specialized facilities.

**Note:** These estimates are based on current industry standards and recent construction data. Actual costs may vary depending on design specifications, material choices, and market conditions at the time of construction. It's advisable to conduct detailed feasibility studies and obtain professional cost assessments during the planning phase of each project.