



## General Purposes Committee

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018

Place: Anderson Room  
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie, Chair  
Councillor Chak Au  
Councillor Derek Dang  
Councillor Carol Day  
Councillor Ken Johnston  
Councillor Alexa Loo (entered at 4:03 p.m.)  
Councillor Bill McNulty  
Councillor Linda McPhail  
Councillor Harold Steves

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### AGENDA ADDITION

It was moved and seconded  
*That "Richmond Sports Council Facility Needs Assessment 2018" be added to the agenda as Item 4.*

**CARRIED**

### MINUTES

It was moved and seconded  
*That the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on June 4, 2018, be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION**

1. **UBCM RESOLUTION – SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR TRAMPOLINE PARKS**

(File Ref. No. 12-8275-01) (REDMS No. 5860738 v. 2)

It was moved and seconded

*That the proposed UBCM resolution titled “Safety Regulations for Trampoline Parks” be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities as outlined in the staff report titled “UBCM Resolution – Safety Regulations for Trampoline Parks”, dated May 31, 2018, from the General Manager, Community Safety.*

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Loo entered the meeting (4:03 p.m.).*

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION**

2. **REVIEW OF COUNCIL APPROVAL PROCESS FOR PUBLIC ART PROJECTS ON PRIVATE LAND**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-00) (REDMS No. 5722457 v. 5)

In response to questions from Committee, Eric Fiss, Public Art Planner, advised that:

- public art submissions on private land currently go through a rigorous review process under the leadership of a public art consultant;
- a selection panel made up of (i) representatives from the City and community stakeholders, (ii) staff, to ensure compliance with Council policies and goals, and (iii) the Richmond Public Art Advisory Committee (RPAAC) reviews the proposed project;
- there is a policy that manages de-accessioning public artwork if requested by the property owner, which may include selling or returning it to the artist;
- various Area Public Art Plans recommend that developers contribute to a pool of public art contributions to facilitate larger public art installations;
- funds donated to the public art reserve fund are allocated for public art capital projects;
- examples of public art throughout the city are listed on the City’s website and new public art provided by developers on their private property is listed in the annual report;

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- public art must meet fundamental community standards and a multi-department staff review of public art on private land is carried out to ensure compliance with Council guidelines; and
- in staff's review of other municipalities, public art programs are primarily managed by municipal staff, art agencies or autonomous art commissions in order to maintain an arm's-length approach.

Examples of public art on private property were distributed to Committee (copy on file, City Clerk's Office) and discussion ensued with regards to the subjectivity of art and the potential to review the staff-led process for public art on private property.

Chris Charlebois, former member of the Richmond Public Art Advisory Committee, expressed concern for the speculation of art commissioned by developers and expressed his support for local artists.

Linda Barnes, 4551 Garry Street and Paul Dufour, 3031 Williams Road, representing the Richmond Arts Coalition, spoke in favour of the staff report and was of the opinion that policies set by Council should set standards and avoid subjective decision making.

In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Barnes commented that (i) any policy that seeks to promote local artists would be worthwhile, (ii) art work is subjective and should generate conversation, and (iii) a public art policy that does not impose a final approval from Council is crucial in establishing a strong art program.

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

It was moved and seconded

***That staff be directed to add policy in which Council has the discretion to approve or refuse artwork on public or private property or recommend allocating equivalent funds for other projects, and consider restrictions to local artists.***

The question on the referral motion was not called as discussion took place on (i) whether the process should be amended to allow Council approval for art on private land, (ii) requesting equal value of an art project for another project or amenity from developers, and (iii) increasing support of local artists.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED** with Cllrs. Dang, Loo, and McPhail opposed.

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**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION**

**3. BC ENERGY STEP CODE**  
(File Ref. No. 10-6125-07-02) (REDMS No. 5827315 v. 4)

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That Building Regulation Bylaw No. 7230, Amendment Bylaw No. 9769, which adds Part 10 Energy Step Code, be introduced and given first reading;*
- (2) *That Richmond Zoning Bylaw No. 8500, Amendment Bylaw No. 9845, which amends Sections 3.4, 4.2.1, 4.3.3 and 4.4.1, be introduced and given first reading;*
- (3) *That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 9000, Amendment Bylaw No. 9771, which amends Sections 12.4 and 14.2.10.A, be introduced and given first reading;*
- (4) *That Richmond Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 7100, Amendment Bylaw No. 9770, which amends Sections 2.2.3 and 2.5, be introduced and given first reading;*
- (5) *That Bylaw 9771 and Bylaw 9770, 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;*

*are hereby found to be consistent with said programs and plans, in accordance with 477(3)(a) of the Local Government Act;*
- (6) *That Bylaw 9771 and Bylaw 9770, having been considered in accordance with Official Community Plan Bylaw Preparation Consultation Policy 5043, are hereby found not to require further consultation;*
- (7) *That the creation of a two-year temporary full time Building Energy Specialist, partially funded by a \$100,000 contribution from BC Hydro, with remaining salary and benefits of \$130,000 fully recovered through building permit fees, be endorsed and that the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Engineering and Public Works be authorized to enter into a funding agreement with BC Hydro to support the Building Energy Specialist position;*
- (8) *That the creation of new Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector 1 positions, with total salary and benefits of \$200,000 fully recovered through building permit fees, be endorsed;*

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- (9) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2018-2022) be amended to include the temporary full-time Building Energy Specialist, Plan Reviewer, and Building Inspector 1 positions funded by an increase in grant revenue and building permit fees;*
- (10) *That the Energy Step Code training programs identified in the staff report titled "BC Energy Step Code" dated May 5, 2018, from the Senior Manager, Sustainability and District Energy, and Acting Director, Building Approvals, be approved with \$110,000 from the Carbon Tax Provision, as funded in the 2018 Operating Budget; and*
- (11) *That for Part 3 and Townhouse developments, notwithstanding the adoption of Building Regulation Bylaw No. 7230, Amendment Bylaw No. 9769:*
  - (a) *If a Development Permit has been issued prior to September 1, 2018, the owner may, while their Development Permit remains valid, apply for a Building Permit in compliance with the energy efficiency requirements applicable prior to the adoption of Bylaw 9769; and*
  - (b) *If an acceptable Development Permit application has been submitted to the City prior to the adoption of Bylaw 9769, the owner may, until December 31, 2019, apply for a Building Permit in compliance with the energy efficiency requirements applicable prior to the adoption of Bylaw 9769.*

**CARRIED**

4. **RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2018**

(File Ref. No.)

Discussion ensued regarding the Sports Facilities Needs Assessment submitted by the Richmond Sports Council (attached to and forming part of these minutes as Schedule 1.)

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

It was moved and seconded

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

The question on the referral motion was not called as staff was directed to include a copy of the Richmond Major Facilities Projects (2016-2026) report when reporting back.

The question on the referral motion was then called and it was **CARRIED**.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded  
*That the meeting adjourn (4:56 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Monday, June 18, 2018.

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Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie  
Chair

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Amanda Welby  
Legislative Services Coordinator

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the  
General Purposes Committee  
meeting of Richmond City Council  
held on Monday, June 18, 2018.



## Richmond Sports Council

[www.richmondsportscouncil.com](http://www.richmondsportscouncil.com)

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

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*Sports Facilities Needs Assessment  
June 2018*

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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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Diamond".

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**

<b>Sport Group</b>	<b>Current Facilities 2011</b>	<b>Future Facilities needed 2023</b>
<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



		<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>



		<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>



		<p>jump pits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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



# **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.



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.

D. Semple, Manager  
Area Operations & Sports Services

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