



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Harold Steves, Chair (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Councillor Ken Johnston, Vice-Chair
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Evelina Halsey-Brandt
Councillor Bill McNulty
Mayor Malcolm Brodie

Call to Order: The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **CITY OF RICHMOND PUBLIC ART PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IN THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE BIENNALE 2013-2015**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-09-20) (REDMS No. 3542961)

Eric Fiss, Public Art Planner, provided background information.

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In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Fiss and Kim Somerville, Manager, Arts Services, advised that (i) all costs associated with the proposed Biennale would be funded through sponsorships; and (ii) staff have had preliminary discussions with the Manager of Sponsorship Development and are examining creating a sponsorship package.

At this point, Councillor Steves entered the meeting (4:05 p.m.) and assumed the Chair.

Discussion ensued and Committee expressed that should the entire \$75,000 fundraising target not be met, that staff report back to Council with the discrepant amount.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the City of Richmond Public Art Program participation in the 2013-2015 Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale, conditional on securing sponsorship funding as outlined in the staff report from the Director, Arts, Culture & Heritage Services dated July 10, 2012, be approved; and*
- (2) *That staff report back for approval of the proposed artists, artworks, locations and funding sponsors before entering into an agreement with the Vancouver Biennale.*

CARRIED

2. **BC SUMMER GAMES BID 2016**

(File Ref. No. 11-7400-20-BCGA1) (REDMS No. 3560670 v. 4)

Vern Jacques, Senior Manager, Recreation, provided background information and commented on staff's rationale to not pursue a bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games. Mr. Jacques made reference to several significant events tentatively scheduled to take place during the time that would be required to plan and organize the 2016 BC Summer Games. He noted that these high profile events would likely require many City resources.

Discussion ensued regarding the City of Surrey's recent experience in hosting the 2012 BC Summer Games and it was noted that the City of Surrey faced many challenges in administering the 2012 BC Summer Games due to a lack of time for planning purposes. In reply to a query from Committee, Mr. Jacques advised that the Surrey School District provided fourteen school facilities for use during the 2012 BC Summer Games.

In response to a question from Committee, Mike Romas, Manager, Sport Hosting, Richmond Olympic Oval, advised that the Sport Hosting Task Force meets regularly to discuss upcoming sport hosting opportunities. He stated that the Task Force is made up of representatives from the City of Richmond, Richmond Sports Council, Richmond Olympic Oval, and Tourism Richmond.

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Jim Lamond, Chair, Richmond Sports Council, was opposed to staff's recommendation and stated that he was not aware of staff's position as he believed that staff were drafting a bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games. Mr. Lamond commented on Richmond's past success with hosting events similar to the BC Summer Games, notably the 2009 BC Seniors Games. He was of the opinion that experience has proven volunteers in the community could make up a large part of the manpower required to host such an event. Also, he noted that there is no certainty that the City would be successful in winning the bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games.

Bob Jackson, Vice-Chair, Richmond Sports Council, spoke in favour of the City bidding to host the 2016 BC Summer Games. Mr. Jackson read from his submission, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 1.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Lamond advised that the Richmond Sports Council is a registered gaming society and that the template applied to administer the 2009 BC Seniors Games could be utilized for the 2016 BC Summer Games.

Discussion ensued regarding a facilities agreement between the City and the Richmond School District. Dave Semple, Co-General Manager, Community Services, provided a brief overview of the facilities agreement and advised that during the months of July and August, the City may only utilize a school facility that is open and operational. This ensures that the School District does not incur any costs associated with the City utilizing their facilities.

In reply to queries from Committee, Mr. Lamond and Mr. Jackson advised that the Richmond Sports Council is (i) prepared to work with City staff to prepare a bid by the September 2012 deadline; and (ii) confident that most of the operations and administration of the 2016 BC Summer Games would be conducted by volunteers.

Peter Mitchell, 6271 Nanika Crescent, Secretary, Richmond Sports Council, spoke in favour of the City bidding to host the 2016 BC Summer Games. Mr. Mitchell read from his submission, attached to and forming part of these Minutes as Schedule 2.

As a result of the discussions, the following motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the City of Richmond bid to host the 2016 BC Summer Games, and work with the Richmond Sports Council.

The question on the motion was not called as discussion ensued and Committee expressed concern related to costing and staff resources. Also, it was noted that a bid proposal must be submitted by September 10, 2012.

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Discussion ensued and Committee queried the circumstances surrounding the City of Surrey hosting the 2012 BC Summer Games. It was mentioned that initially the City of Surrey was to host the 2014 BC Summer Games. Committee expressed that they would like to know more about the City of Surrey's experience hosting the 2012 BC Summer Games. Also, it was noted that further discussions with the School District in regards to facility use are in order. Committee wished to see a draft bid including an analysis presented to Council prior to the September 10, 2012 bid deadline.

As a result of the discussions, the following **referral** was made:

It was moved and seconded

That the BC Summer Games Bid 2016 be referred back to staff to work with the Richmond Sports Council on a draft bid that would:

- (a) provide further analysis on the possibility of hosting the 2016 BC Summer Games, including relationships and costs of the School District;***
- (b) provide costs in general;***
- (c) provide previous hosts' experiences, including the City of Surrey and the municipality who dropped out of hosting the 2012 BC Summer Games;***
- (d) identify potential leadership personnel who would be involved with the Games; and***
- (e) provide input from the Sport Hosting Committee,***

and be brought forward to the September 4, 2012 General Purposes Committee meeting, with a Special Council meeting to follow if necessary.

CARRIED

Opposed: Cllr. McNulty

3. **KWANTLEN FARM SCHOOL INCUBATOR FARMING AT 10640 NO. 5 ROAD**

(File Ref. No. 08-4040-08-01) (REDMS No. 3570740 v. 5)

In reply to a query from the Chair, Serena Lusk, Manager, Parks Programs, advised that six acres have been allocated for incubator farming in Richmond.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for the selection of farmers as referenced in Attachment 3 and Committee requested that preference be given to Richmond residents.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That approximately 1.5 acres at 10640 No. 5 Road (the Gardens Park), as identified in the staff report titled Kwantlen Farm School Incubator Farming At 10640 No. 5 Road (dated July 4, 2012 from the General Manager, Community Services), be licensed to Kwantlen Polytechnic University for the purposes of Incubator Farming at a rental rate of \$250 per acre per year for a three-year term; and*
- (2) *That staff be authorized to take all necessary steps to complete all matters detailed herein including authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Community Services to negotiate and execute all documentation required to effect the transaction.*

CARRIED

FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

4. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS – GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

(File Ref. No. 03-1000-03-015) (REDMS No. 3576717 v.8)

In reply to queries from Committee, Amarjeet Rattan, Director, Intergovernmental Relations & Protocol Unit, stated that applications seeking less than \$250,000 in funding per project will receive priority.

Discussion ensued regarding the various amounts being requested for each project and Cathryn Volkerling Carlile, Co-General Manager – Community Services, stated that the proposed projects were selected based on the number of criteria they meet as per the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund program.

Discussion ensued and it was requested that Richmond MPs receive copies of the submissions for their information.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the following projects be endorsed for submission to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) and other eligible grant funding programs:*
 - (a) *Richmond Olympic Experience Project;*
 - (b) *Japanese Benevolent Society Building Rehabilitation and Restoration;*
 - (c) *Britannia Heritage Shipyard Seine Net Loft Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse to Exhibit and Open Storage;*
 - (d) *Gateway Theatre Energy Retrofit Project;*
 - (e) *Wireless Access Upgrade to Library and Adjacent City Facilities; and*

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- (2) *That letters be sent to Richmond MPs enclosing copies of the submissions for their information.*

CARRIED

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

(i) *Kaisei*

Ms. Lusk stated that the *Kaisei* would be moored at the Britannia Heritage Shipyard.

(ii) *Garden City Lands Public Consultation Process*

Discussion ensued regarding direction to staff related to a public consultation process for the Garden City Lands.

It was moved and seconded

That staff report back on the Garden City Lands public consultation process at the September 25, 2012 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourn (5:50 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012.

Councillor Harold Steves
Chair

Hanieh Berg
Committee Clerk

Presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

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By

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Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
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Services Committee meeting held on
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Chairperson Councillor Steves, Your Worship Mayor Brodie and Councillors, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address the topic of the City of Richmond submitting a bid to Host the 2012 BC Summer Games in July 2016.

As a member of the Richmond Sports Council we were asked a member of the City of Richmond Staff to consider hosting one of the following BC Games:

- 2016 BC Winter Games
- 2016 BC Summer Games
- 2018 BC Winter Games
- 2018 BC Summer Games

In fact when it was not on the Sports Council Agenda at a subsequent meeting we were asked by the Staff Member if we were going to deal with the topic of bidding on a BC Games.

After thoughtful with their membership the sports representatives at the Sports Council Meeting voted with "no dissent" to go ahead and support the bid for the 2016 BC Senior Games.

So I was extremely disappointed when I read the Staff Recommendation to decline the opportunity to bid as a host for the 2016 BC Summer Games. Especially after it was the Staff that asked the Richmond Sports Council to consider supporting a Richmond bid for a future BC Games.

When I read this Staff Report I was really upset how it made the glass look half empty instead of half full. In my opinion they have inflated the costs associated with hosting this multi-sport activity and had very little to say about the positive of the **Economic Impact to the City of Richmond.**

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Here we are in the last couple of years trying to promote Richmond as a **"Sport Hosting Community"** and Staff the Staff recommendation is to not bid on the 2016 BC Summer Games. City Staff has solicited the support of the Community Sports Members of the Richmond Sports Council to host regional, provincial and national competitions in Richmond. But when a request comes from representatives of the Community Sports it is declined.

One of the areas of inflated costs is in the use of School District #38 (Richmond) Facilities. The Staff report lists rate sheet for renting school facilities such as classrooms, gyms, etc. There is no mention of the RSB & City Joint Use Facilities Contract. It is my understanding that according to the terms of the RSB & City Joint Use Facilities Contract that there is a clause that states if the City were to request the use of many of these school district facilities at least one year in advance for a major event, that the city should be able to obtain these facilities without a rental fee. For years the City has been cutting grass and lining fields for the school district and the trade off is using their facilities free. There could be some costs for a custodian if there are none at the school. I think this could be negotiated for a significant saving from a straight rental fee.

I realize that the BC Games Society expects the Host Society will be able to get the use of busses and school bus drivers from their local school district gratis. It is my understanding that last week in Surrey they only had eight (8) busses from the Surrey School District for that district does not have as many busses as Richmond The Surrey Host Committee also used 4 or 5 buses from the Khalsa Schools and rented the additional needed buses In Richmond I am confident that we will be able to provide transportation at a reasonable cost.

Staff submitted a table of estimated City Costs on pages PRCS 25 & 26. In my appendix – APPENDIX 1 – ESTIMATED CITY COSTS, I have

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provided an estimate that is significantly less. This comes from our experience in hosting the 2009 BC Senior Games.

Staff calls for an **Operations Manager** for \$120,000. In 2009 we paid between \$50,000 and \$60,000. If one looks at the Sports Administration Positions posted on the latest newsletter of the BC Sports Agency, one will see that a competent sports administrator is paid significantly less. This compensation is in the range of a Manager working for the City of Richmond. I think the Host Society should hire this staff person and it will be significantly less.

5 Office Assistants – This was also recommended for the BC Senior Games but we used Business Education Career Preparation Students from McMath. Our Operations Manager worked with Mrs. Gayle Guest from McMath and it was a “win – win” situation.

Office and Administration Costs – For the Senior Games we used office space in the Minoru Pavilion and this would be ideal for the BC Summer Games.

Equipment Storage Facility – It is my understanding that the BC Summer Games equipment and supplies would be forwarded to Richmond after the 2014 Nanaimo BC Summer Games. Like the BC Senior Games we would store the container(s) in the Richmond Works Yard and then just have to purchase insurance on the contents.

Equipment Delivery, Set-Up, Removal – This depends where the competitions take place. If we host Basketball in schools then we do not need to move a lot of bleachers in the Oval

Misc. City Costs, Litter, Set-Up, Takedown, Field Lining, Custodial Services – Some of this seems to repeat from the above paragraph. There

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would not need to be a lot of field lining for the soccer fields have permanent lines and the Baseball and Softball Sports line their own fields. Most Custodial Services is a normal day to day cost.

Traffic Control – For the 2009 Richmond BC Senior Games we had qualified volunteers provide this service.

Overnight Security – Again for the overnight security we used volunteers (Richmond Firefighters) to provide this service.

Capital Improvements – Instead of renting Beach Volleyball facilities we think this would be an ideal Legacy from the 2016 BC Summer Games. So an investment of \$10,000 should assist in establishing this type of facility. This is lacking in Richmond and we think that there are a couple of venues that could be used for Beach Volleyball.

When one compares the 2009 Richmond Senior Games to the 2012 Surrey Summer Games (APPENDIX #2 & #3) you will see that there is not a major difference. In some ways the Summer Games are easier for there are fewer competitors, fewer sports, and the sports are administered by the PSO's. The BC Summer Games provide additional challenges for accommodation, food services and transportation. But I am confident if Richmond hosted the 2016 Summer Games a Richmond Host Committee could meet these challenges.

I have also included a list of the Legacy received by communities after hosting the BC Summer Games (APPENDIX #4).

Finally I have listed all the communities that have hosted the BC Summer Games since they commence in 1979. Richmond has only hosted once, in 1979 (APPENDIX #5).

APPENDIX #1

ESTIMATED CITY COSTS

	<u>City Estimate</u>	<u>Sport Council Estimate</u>
City contrubution to Host Society	\$45,000	\$45,000
Service-in-Kind (Minimum required is \$50,000)		
• 1 full time Operations Manager for 12 months (benefits included)	\$120,000	\$65,000
• 5 Office Assistants - 6 months (benefits included)	\$60,000	\$0
• Office and Admin. Costs (loss of facility rental, power, phones,etc.	\$25,000	\$10,000
• Equipment storage facility (container rental) for 6 months	\$3,000	\$0
• Equipment delivery, set-up, removal (e.g. bleachers, baracades City Stage & tents)	\$25,000	\$20,000
• Misc. city costs, litter, setup, takedown, field lining, custodial services, etc.	\$45,000	\$20,000
• Traffic Control for ceremonies and some events - e.g. Triathlon	\$20,000	\$0
• Net cost of use of City controlled facilities including loss of rental and program income (Oval, rinks, pools,gyms, fields, etc.	\$70,000	\$10,000
• Overnight Security at some venues	\$7,000	\$0
• Capital improvements fo Games facilities (beach volleyball courts)	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$470,000	\$180,000

APPENDIX #2

Comparison

of

2009 Richmond BC Senior Games

and

2012 Surrey BC Summer Games

	2009 Richmond BC Senior Games	2012 Surrey BC Summer Games
Athletes	3819	2300
Coaches	n/a	478
Officials	<u>350</u>	<u>397</u>
TOTAL	4,169	3175
Activities	29	20
Administration of Activities - run the event	Richmond	PSO's
Meals	3 box lunches 1 banquet	4 breakfast 4 box lunches 4 suppers
Number to be fed	4,100	3,200
Accommodation	0	3,175
Transportation needs	a few athletes & officials	most athletes & officials
Transportation Costs	\$19,592	Significantly more
Economic Impact to Host Community (STEAM)	\$2.1 M	#2.0 M

#3

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Thousands came out for the closing ceremonies of the 2012 BC Summer Games in Surrey today.

This is the 28th year of the games.

Over 2,300 athletes from all over B.C. competed in this year's games. They were joined by 478 coaches and 323 officials. Over 3,200 volunteers were involved this year.

The youngest athlete is nine years old, competing in canoe and kayak. The oldest able-bodied athlete is 19 years old in equestrian. The average age of the athletes is 14 years old.

The BC Summer Games are expected to inject over \$2 million into the local economy. The games bring together more athletes than even the Commonwealth Games.

Results for all the athletes who competed are available [here](#).

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APPENDIX #4

PAST BC SUMMER GAMES LEGACY TOTALS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Legacy</u>
1996	Trail/Castlegar	\$141,878
1997	Burnaby	\$109,287
1998	Ridge Meadows	\$110,272
2000	Victoria	\$57,424
2002	Nanaimo	\$197,682
2004	Abbotsford	\$174,394
2006	Kamloops	\$101,576
2008	Kelowna	\$77,852
2010	Township of Langley	\$75,320

Derived from profits from souvenir sales, interest on Government grants, and a percentage of the savings from the Host Operating Budget

APPENDIX #5

Host Communities of the BC Summer Games

<u>Community</u>	<u>Years Hosted</u>		
Kelowna	1980	1994	2008
Nanaimo	1985	2002	2014
Penticton	1978	1995	
Maple Ridge	1983	1995	
Burnaby	1984	1997	
Oak Bay/Victoria	1988	2000	
Surrey	1989	2012	
RICHMOND	1979		
Comox Valley	1981		
Vernon	1982		
Cranbrook	1986		
Delta	1987		
Prince George	1990		
Chilliwack	1993		
Trail/Castlegar	1996		
Abbotsford	2004		
Langley Township	2010		
Kamloops	2006		

Last held in Richmond in 1979 - 33 years ago

Richmond athletes have been participating in other communities for the last 33 years

As a community that takes pride in being a **sport hosting community** isn't our turn to host the BC Summer Games in 2016?

Notes Regarding a 2016 Richmond BC Summer Games Bid

Schedule 2 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012.

City of Richmond staff do not currently recommend the 2016 BC Summer Games bid. The 2009 BC Seniors Games bid was not initially supported by Richmond staff either.

School District 38 and the City of Richmond Council supported our successful bid. Despite our games being held at the bottom of the 2009 recession, and though our sponsorships were sought after the locally held 2010 Olympics and the 2009 FireFighters Games had a years head start fundraising, we were still able to collect sufficient sponsorships for our 2009 BC Seniors Games to be financially successful.

The 2009 Richmond BC Seniors Games had over 3800 competitors, the most ever, in 29 sports, the most ever offered, and showcased Richmond and the new Olympic Oval and offered an opportunity to work out its bugs and train volunteers a year before the Olympics. The BC Summer Games have 1000 less athletes in ¼ less sports.

Many of the Richmond staff concerns provided about competing bid opportunities are for events in periods well away from this bid, and these Games can be held across Richmond without requiring use of the Olympic Oval. The 2016 BC Summer Games will not conflict with potential Tall Ships bids for 2014 or 2017.

Additionally, the City review assumes transportation cost of moving participants, coaches, and officials, when typically they can be can be stationed at schools at and near the sports venues chosen, and meals moved to them much more easily. This will significantly lower transportation costs from those quoted by staff.

Our 2009 Games bid and Games used only Richmond hotels. The BC Summer Games occurs at a period of higher hotel occupancy but athletes are housed in schools. The local hotels and restaurants receive their benefit from athletes parents visits. Since the 2009 Games, the River Rock and the Westin Wall Centre have opened almost 400 additional rooms, and should we fill all the local hotels we could expand to nearby hotels in south Vancouver and Delta. We also offered local Bed & Breakfasts in 2009, and created a 100 unit RV Park for the 2009 Games which we could provide again.

The 2009 BC Seniors Games bid and games developed a strong Games bid package of information for future Games which now only requires minor updating of new resources for this 2016 Summer Games bid. With Richmond Staff input, Sports Council can easily complete an excellent 2016 BC Summer Games bid within the next month in time for Richmond approval and submission.

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