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**RICHMOND LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

*6131 Bowling Green Road*

*Richmond, BC , V6Y 4G2*

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

March 30, 2016.

The City Council,  
City of Richmond,  
6911 No. 3 Road,  
Richmond, B C,  
V6Y 2C1.

I refer to my letter to you on April 12, 2011 (Appendix I) requesting a new clubhouse, and the reply dated October 13, 2011 (Appendix II) from Parks and Recreation Department informing us that the Department has put forward a capital project submission for \$2,500,000 to the Capital Budget Committee for consideration in the 5 Year Capital Budget.

It has been almost five years since receipt of the letter from Parks and Recreation Department, but we are not informed of any development in the submission.

I have to appeal to you that our Club badly needs a new clubhouse. Our present clubhouse, which was built in 1966 with 33 members, only has a maximum capacity of 75, in accordance with the fire regulations. While the number of club members rose to almost 300, we have always limited our club functions to not more than 75 members with this restriction. Whenever there are competitions, be it club games, inter-club events or Provincial competitions, the number of players is also limited as there is not enough space for lunch and refreshment. Furthermore, we can only allow a maximum of 75 members to attend our Annual and Semi-annual General Meetings, or else we have to rent another venue. Last but not the least, because of insufficient room, new members are unable to be allocated a locker which is necessary for keeping of lawn bowls.

We believe that with a new clubhouse to go along with our artificial turf, the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club can become an even greater source of pride for Richmond, one that will attract many more major events and commerce for our community.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan Wong".

Ivan Wong  
Co-ordinator

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**Clubhouse Phone: 604-276-2695**



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April 12, 2011.

The City Council,  
City of Richmond,  
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V6Y 2C1.

Your Worship Mayor Brodie, Honorable City Councillors,

On behalf of the members of Richmond Lawn Bowling Club, let me extend my sincere thanks to your generous approval of funds for the construction of 2 artificial greens at our club. Since the opening of the new greens last July, the problems we had with the greens have been solved. Our members are able to bowl even in the cold season, the very first time in our club history since its establishment in 1966.

The new greens are attracting members of other clubs including provincial and world champions. This year, the Vancouver and District Bowls Association, with 23 associate lawn bowling clubs, assigned 2 district level competitions to be held in our club, the "Colt Singles" for men and "Sophomore Singles" for women. For the first time, the British Columbia Lawn Bowling Association (Bowls BC) decided to have one of the provincial competitions, the "Provincial Mixed Pairs", take place on our greens in August. Furthermore, Bowls BC asked to have 2 of the Provincial Training Camps conducted in our club in May and September this year. The artificial turf at our club has proven to be welcomed by many because of its problem-free nature and internationally accepted standard. Last year, White Rock Lawn Bowling Club, with one artificial green, hosted the Canadian National Mixed Pairs. Our club, the only lawn bowling club across Canada with two artificial greens, will have potential to hold even more national tournaments in the years to come when BC becomes the host for lawn bowling.

The number of club members rose to 300 members last year. However, our clubhouse, which was built in 1966 with 33 members, only has a maximum capacity of 75, in accordance with the fire regulations. With this restriction, we have always limited our club functions to not more than 75 members. Whenever there are competitions, be it club games or inter-club events, the number of players is also limited as there is not enough space for lunch and refreshment. Furthermore, we can only allow a maximum of 75 members to attend our Annual and Semi-annual General Meetings, or else we have to rent another venue. Last but not the least, because

of insufficient space, 34 of the new members who joined us last year are unable to be allocated a locker.

At our Semi-annual General Meeting held in March this year, all members were of the opinion that a new clubhouse is needed for our 300 members. We believe that with a new clubhouse to go along with our new artificial turf, the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club can become an even greater source of pride for Richmond, one that will attract many more major events and commerce for our community.

We commit to raising \$30,000 towards the building of the new clubhouse. Please consider providing funds for our request and make Richmond Lawn Bowling Club a showcase for the City of Richmond.

Yours Sincerely,

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Ivan Wong  
President

c.c. Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation

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## Appendix II

October 13, 2011

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### Parks and Recreation

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Dear Ivan Wong - President:

**Re: Request for a New Lawn Bowling Clubhouse**

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 12, 2011 requesting a new clubhouse for the 300 member Richmond Lawn Bowling Club.

It is my understanding that your Club has decided not to pursue your earlier clubhouse expansion proposal, which was to add a 475 square foot deck to the upper floor at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Instead, you are asking the City to fund a new clubhouse, for which your Club is prepared to raise \$30,000 towards the costs.

City staff researched the cost of designing and building a 5,000 square foot clubhouse to replace the existing facility on the current building site. The estimated cost is between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 (which includes demolishing the existing building, permit and design fees and building construction expenses). *Note that this cost can be reduced or increased depending upon the final facility size, layout and finishes.*

In response to your request, the Parks and Recreation Department put forward a capital project submission for \$2,500,000 to the Capital Budget Committee for consideration in the 5 Year Capital Budget. The lawn bowling clubhouse project is weighed against several high priority sport and recreation Capital budget projects, and to date, has not been recommended for funding.

As you are aware, Richmond Sport Council is currently developing a sport facility needs assessment for all Richmond based community sport groups. We have been informed that your Club has submitted your need for a new clubhouse for inclusion in this study. Once this study is completed, we expect that the results will be brought forward to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee for review, prioritization and consideration for future Capital funding.

It is my recommendation that your Club continue its efforts to raise funds for a new clubhouse. Having funds readily available to contribute towards the cost of a new clubhouse may improve your chances of success should the opportunity arise in the future to apply for senior government grant funding for this project.

Yours truly,

Eric Stepura  
Manager, Sports and Community Events

pc: Dave Semple, General Manager, Parks and Recreation Services  
Vern Jacques, Acting Director Recreation and Sport Services