

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



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June 12, 2018

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

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

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

A) Facility Needs Priorities: (Appendix A)

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

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

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

C) Future Possibilities:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted



Chairman, Richmond Sports Council

Attachments:

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

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APPENDIX "A"

**UPDATED FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT – JANUARY 2018
2011- 2023**

Sport Group	Current Facilities 2011	Future Facilities needed 2023
Richmond Cricket Club	Covered area for scoring New deck on club house	Bleachers for spectators Bigger club house Covered area for scoring
Richmond Curling		Upgrading of current facility
Wrestling		room space of approximately 2,000 sqft. Preferably in East Richmond
Dug Out Club		Artificial turf baseball diamond (or infield only) that would accommodate at least 80ft bases
Richmond Rugby Club	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.
Richmond Little League Baseball	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 been 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>Richmond Tennis Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court damage from construction repaired • New perimeter fencing • New wind screens • Outdoor public washroom upgraded • 4 court bubble to replace the current 3 court bubble 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • 4 court bubble (**if it has not been replaced) • Improved seating around the courts and clubhouse

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

		<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>East Richmond:</p> <p>1. Provide artificial turf soccer fields in East Richmond Hamilton area to accommodate the increased growth in Richmond's population</p>
Richmond Girls Softball	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>
Volleyball	<p>Additional access to elementary schools and church facilities</p> <p>Access to secondary schools at weekends for practices</p>	
Richmond Lawn Bowling Club	<p>Bigger clubhouse, currently can only accommodate 75 people</p> <p>Membership in 2010 was 300</p> <p>Additional parking</p>	
Richmond Lacrosse	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>
Kajaks	Non interference at Clement Track	<p>Urgent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface Minoru track • Repainting of track • Repair of curbing and surface of north and south long jump pits • New better quality sand for north and south long jump pits • Portable covers for north and south facing long

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