



To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee **Date:** May 6, 2016

From: Serena Lusk, Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services **File:** 11-7000-10-01/2016-Vol 01

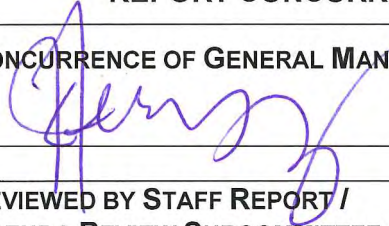

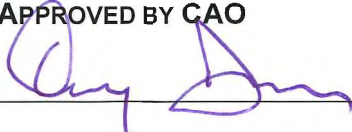
Re: **Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee Additional Category Request**

Staff Recommendation

1. That the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria be amended as described in Attachment 2 of the staff report titled, "Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee Additional Category Request," dated May 6, 2016, from the Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services; and
2. That the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711 be amended to include the category "Masters Athlete" as identified in Attachment 4 of the staff report titled, "Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee Additional Category Request," dated May 6, 2016, from the Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services.

Serena Lusk
Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services
(604-233-3344)

Att. 5

REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER  (ACTING)	
REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE	INITIALS: 
APPROVED BY CAO 	

Staff Report

Origin

The purpose of this report is to provide further information to Council on the letter received from the Chair of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee, dated April 28, 2016 (Attachment 1). The Chair's letter requests the addition of a "Masters Athlete" nomination category to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame. The following report details the changes that Council could consider to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711 and the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria to accommodate the Committee's request.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #2 A Vibrant, Active and Connected City:

Continue the development and implementation of an excellent and accessible system of programs, services, and public spaces that reflect Richmond's demographics, rich heritage, diverse needs, and unique opportunities, and that facilitate active, caring, and connected communities.

Analysis

The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee is requesting an additional nomination category for Masters Athletes.

The Masters Athlete category will help differentiate between the accomplishments of athletes who have competed in their chosen sport at the national or international level with no age or other category restrictions, compared to athletes who have competed in separately sanctioned Masters events. Each international sport governing body has its own specific, age related categories for Masters athletes. The Masters Athlete category allows individuals to continue to compete with other athletes in specific age categories related to the physiology of aging. Some governing bodies have categories for athletes to compete in, up to and including 100 years of age.

The existing Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria requires that athletes be "retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of five years." It also provides for the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee to make exceptions to this criteria in certain circumstances where the accomplishments are so exceptional that they should be recognized prior to retirement. This exception would not apply to a Masters athlete.

Attachment 2 is a comparison of the current Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria including recommended amendments. Attachment 3 is the recommended version of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria.

The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711(Attachment 4) presently lists the following inductee categories for nominations: Athlete, Team, Builder, Official, Coach, Pioneer and Special Achievement along with the recommended amendments to the policy. Attachment 5 is the recommended version of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711.

The addition of the Masters Athlete category will provide clarity related to the achievement of athletes in open categories of competition and athletes competing in age based categories that allow them to continue to compete as they age.

This proposed amendment will help the Committee with this year's nomination process as they have received nomination forms for individuals that would be better recognized in the category of Masters Athlete than Athlete.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

Staff support the proposed addition of the Masters Athlete nomination category to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711 and Selection Criteria as per the letter from the Chair of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee. The Masters Athlete nomination category will help to differentiate the accomplishments of athletes in open categories of competition from those in closed or age restricted categories of competition.



Gregg Wheeler
Manager, Sport and Community Events
(604-244-1274)

- Att. 1: Letter, dated April 28, 2016, from the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Nominating Committee Chair
- 2: Comparison of current to amended-Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria
- 3: Recommended Draft of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria
- 4: Comparison of current to amended-Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711
- 5: Recommended Draft of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy 8711

TO: MAYOR & EACH
COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Bob Jackson
11720 Pintail Drive
Richmond, B.C.
V7E 4P5

April 28, 2016

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

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: An Additional New Category for the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame

We are in the middle of our deliberations for the 2016 Richmond Sports Wall of Fame recommendations to Mayor and Council and have run into a challenging situation related to Athlete Category. We have a few nominations for the Athlete Category who started competing later in their life. These athletes are hard to compare to a world class athlete who have competed successfully on the international stage in world championships for their sport and/or major multi-sport games such as the Olympics.

We would like to ask the Council of the City of Richmond to consider adopting another new category, Master Athlete.

Currently for the Athlete Category, the nominated athlete must have been retired for a minimum of 5 years. In some cases athletes who start competing later in life continue to compete with other athletes of a like age well into their 80's, so they do not meet the Selection Criteria of having been retired for 5 years.

How is a Master Athlete defined? Most sports have their own definition of a Master Athlete. In some sports it could be 60 years of age but other sports it is 50 years of age. We would suggest that Richmond's Sports Wall of Fame not set one age for all master athletes. Rather we would suggest that Richmond adopt the same age as adopted by the athletes sport governing body.

We have athletes in their 70's and 80's who have set national and/or international records in their sport and who will continue to compete until their health fails them. We would like to recognize and honour this type of athlete but can't do it if they have to be retired for 5 years. Secondly it is hard to compare their achievements to athletes who are competing in open World Championships in their sport or multi-sport games such as the Olympics, the Pan-Am Games or the Commonwealth Games.

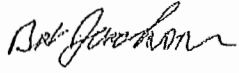
So the Nominating Committee of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame would like to ask Mayor and Council to consider the adoption of a new category, Master Athlete, so we can honour this year a couple of nominations that we have received and we would like to recommend to Mayor and Council to consider for induction into the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame in 2016.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame, I would like to thank-you for your support of our work.



(Please Turn Over)

Yours in Sport,



Bob Jackson
Chair
Nominating Committee
Richmond Wall of Fame
City of Richmond

c.c. Councillor Harold Steves
Donna Marsland
Stu Corrigan
Bill McNulty
Serena Lusk
Sammy Morizawa
Gregg Wheeler

(Comparison of Current to Recommended Amendments)
Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria

Eight main categories for inclusion in the Sports Wall of Fame – Athlete, **Masters Athlete**, Team, Builder, Official, Coach, Pioneer and Special Achievement.

Key criteria to be considered in all of the inductee categories for the Sports Wall of Fame include the following:

1. Residency or strong connection to the community through either training in Richmond, membership in a Richmond sport organization or participation on a Richmond based team. Preference will be given to individuals who lived in Richmond during their participation in their sport.
2. Achievement at community, provincial, national, international or world championship level.
3. In good standing at the time of their achievement with the related provincial, national or international sport if applicable.
4. Athlete be retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of five years **other than Masters athletes competing in sanctioned masters athletic competitions.**¹
5. Contribution back to the community of Richmond, either in their sport or beyond their specific sport.
6. Higher than average proficiency in more than one sport.
7. Richmond sport organization or school team that is made up of a minimum of 75 per cent Richmond residents. Team members' names will not be included on the Wall of Honour plaque, but individual names will be included in the accompanying electronic kiosk.
8. Teams that have won a championship or title at the national and/or international level in a given year.
9. Nomination forms to be submitted by December 31 of each year. Unsuccessful nomination forms will be returned to the nominator and accompanying supported materials after three years.
10. Unless directed by the committee, all discussion and decisions of the Wall of Fame Nomination Committee to remain in strict confidence so as to ensure that the committee speaks with one voice and that individuals and groups privacy is respected.
11. Coach - Compiled an outstanding record of coaching/managing championships teams and/or athletes, and compiled an extraordinary winning record or have achieved other outstanding accomplishments, with consideration given to integrity, sportsmanship and character.

¹ Special consideration may be given to individuals and teams still competing in their sport related to Olympic medal success, international championships or world records that have been sanctioned by the appropriate international sport federation.

12. Pioneer - Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour and recognition to Richmond sport and sport history. Nominees must exhibit a “pioneering” quality in athletic, builder, or team accomplishments, involving some aspect of innovation, or trailblazing that changed the shape of sport in Richmond for those who followed 40 years prior to the current year.
13. Special Achievement - This special recognition award is presented from time to time to an individual(s) who has (have) made a significant contribution to sport in Richmond, but who would not otherwise qualify for induction into Richmond’s Sports Wall of Fame. This candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication, and provide inspiration to present and future generations.

DRAFT

(Recommended Amendments)
Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Selection Criteria

Eight main categories for inclusion in the Sports Wall of Fame – Athlete, Masters Athlete, Team, Builder, Official, Coach, Pioneer and Special Achievement.

Key criteria to be considered in all of the inductee categories for the Sports Wall of Fame include the following:

1. Residency or strong connection to the community through either training in Richmond, membership in a Richmond sport organization or participation on a Richmond based team. Preference will be given to individuals who lived in Richmond during their participation in their sport.
2. Achievement at community, provincial, national, international or world championship level.
3. In good standing at the time of their achievement with the related provincial, national or international sport if applicable.
4. Athlete be retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of five years other than athletes competing in sanctioned masters athletic competitions.²
5. Contribution back to the community of Richmond, either in their sport or beyond their specific sport.
6. Higher than average proficiency in more than one sport.
7. Richmond sport organization or school team that is made up of a minimum of 75 per cent Richmond residents. Team members' names will not be included on the Wall of Honour plaque, but individual names will be included in the accompanying electronic kiosk.
8. Teams that have won a championship or title at the national and/or international level in a given year.
9. Nomination forms to be submitted by December 31 of each year. Unsuccessful nomination forms will be returned to the nominator and accompanying supported materials after three years.
10. Unless directed by the committee, all discussion and decisions of the Wall of Fame Nomination Committee to remain in strict confidence so as to ensure that the committee speaks with one voice and that individuals and groups privacy is respected.
11. Coach - Compiled an outstanding record of coaching/managing championships teams and/or athletes, and compiled an extraordinary winning record or have achieved other outstanding accomplishments, with consideration given to integrity, sportsmanship and character.

² Special consideration may be given to individuals and teams still competing in their sport related to Olympic medal success, international championships or world records that have been sanctioned by the appropriate international sport federation.

12. Pioneer - Attained a high level of excellence and brought honour and recognition to Richmond sport and sport history. Nominees must exhibit a “pioneering” quality in athletic, builder, or team accomplishments, involving some aspect of innovation, or trailblazing that changed the shape of sport in Richmond for those who followed 40 years prior to the current year.
13. Special Achievement - This special recognition award is presented from time to time to an individual(s) who has (have) made a significant contribution to sport in Richmond, but who would not otherwise qualify for induction into Richmond’s Sports Wall of Fame. This candidate(s) must exemplify good character and dedication, and provide inspiration to present and future generations.

DRAFT



Page 1 of 1

Adopted by Council: October 14, 2014

Policy 8711

Amended by Council: February 23, 2015, July 27, 2015

File Ref: 7000-10

Sports Wall of Fame (Comparison of Current to Recommended Amendments)

POLICY 8711:

It is Council policy that:

1. The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame located at the Richmond Olympic Oval will showcase Richmond's sporting history.
2. Inductees to the Wall of Fame may come from any sport. For the purposes of this policy, "Sport" is defined as any competitive, physical activity governed by a specific set of rules.
3. Inductees to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame will be approved by Council based on recommendations from a Nominating Committee.
4. Inductees must have residency or strong connection to the community either through training in Richmond, membership in a Richmond sport organization or participation on a Richmond based team.
5. Inductees will be nominated in one or more of the following **eight** categories:
 - a. Athlete
 - b. **Masters Athlete**
 - c. Team
 - d. Builder
 - e. Official
 - f. Coach
 - g. Pioneer
 - h. Special Achievement
6. Inductees will be invited to a ceremony at the Richmond Olympic Oval as part of an Induction Ceremony to be held a minimum of every three years.



Page 1 of 1	Adopted by Council: October 14, 2014 Amended by Council: February 23, 2015, July 27, 2015	Policy 8711
File Ref: 7000-10	Sports Wall of Fame (Recommended Amendments)	

POLICY 8711:

It is Council policy that:

1. The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame located at the Richmond Olympic Oval will showcase Richmond's sporting history.
2. Inductees to the Wall of Fame may come from any sport. For the purposes of this policy, "Sport" is defined as any competitive, physical activity governed by a specific set of rules.
3. Inductees to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame will be approved by Council based on recommendations from a Nominating Committee.
4. Inductees must have residency or strong connection to the community either through training in Richmond, membership in a Richmond sport organization or participation on a Richmond based team.
5. Inductees will be nominated in one or more of the following eight categories:
 - a. Athlete
 - b. Masters Athlete
 - c. Team
 - d. Builder
 - e. Official
 - f. Coach
 - g. Pioneer
 - h. Special Achievement
6. Inductees will be invited to a ceremony at the Richmond Olympic Oval as part of an Induction Ceremony to be held a minimum of every three years.