



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee      **Date:** June 30, 2014

**From:** Serena Lusk, Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services      **File:** 11-7000-10-01/2014

**Re:** **Richmond Sports Wall of Fame**

### Staff Recommendation

That:

1. The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy, as described in the attached report, from the Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services, dated June 30, 2014, be approved.
2. Richmond Sports Council be requested to strike a Nominating Committee in accordance with the parameters identified in the attached report, "Richmond Sports Wall of Fame," from the Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services, dated June 30, 2014, and report back to Council with proposed nominations for the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame no later than September 29, 2014.

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Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
<b>ROUTED TO:</b> Richmond Olympic Oval	<b>CONCURRENCE</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b> 
<b>REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 	<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b> 

## Staff Report

### Origin

On October 22, 2012 Council made the following resolution:

*That the Richmond Olympic Experience project concept and design, as outlined in the staff report from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage dated October 12, 2012 be endorsed.*

The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame has been included as a key feature of the Richmond Olympic Experience (ROX) project, which has been endorsed by the Richmond Olympic Oval Board of Directors, and will showcase individuals and teams that have made significant contributions to Richmond's rich sport history. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of a policy to guide the process of the first nominees to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame and to request that a Nominating Committee be struck to identify these first nominees.

### Analysis

#### Background

The Richmond Sports Wall of Fame (Wall of Fame) is an opportunity to celebrate the history of sport in Richmond by providing a focal point for the community to recognize the achievements of past athletes, teams, and builders of sport in Richmond. The Wall of Fame's prominent location in the Richmond Olympic Oval and integration with the Richmond Olympic Experience will ensure appropriate recognition for Richmond's sporting history. The design for the Wall of Fame provides for an unlimited number of initial inductees. The selection process will need to identify all deserving initial inductees.

#### Best Practices

A draft policy and accompanying selection criteria and process for the Wall of Fame has been developed by reviewing over twenty (20) different sport hall of fames from across North America. Findings from the best practices research have been included in the descriptions of the proposed policy, Nominating committee and selection criteria below.

#### Policy

The draft policy (Attachment 1) identifies Richmond City Council's desire to recognize Richmond's sporting history through a Wall of Fame at the Richmond Olympic Oval. It confirms that Council will have the responsibility and authority to approve inductees to the Wall of Fame based on recommendations from a Nominating Committee. It acknowledges that approved nominees will be inducted to the Wall of Fame in an induction ceremony.

The policy also defines eligible categories for the Wall of Fame – athlete, builder and team – and defines "Sport" as, "any competitive, physical activity governed by a specific set of rules."

### Nominating Committee

Based on best practises research as well as current practises in Richmond for similar functions, such as the Fisherman's Memorial at Garry Point, it is proposed that a Nominating committee be struck to provide recommendations to Council for inductees.

Given Richmond Sports Council's significant expertise and insight into the history of sport in Richmond, it is best positioned to ensure that the Wall of Fame accurately represents sport in Richmond. It is recommended that Richmond Sports Council be the overseeing body for the Nominating Committee within the following parameters:

1. The Nominating Committee includes the following membership:
  - a. One City of Richmond Council Member (to be appointed by Council);
  - b. Three current members of Richmond Sports Council; and
  - c. One Richmond Sports Council Life Time Member.
2. Nominating Committee members have a working knowledge of the history, achievements and evolution of sport in Richmond.
3. The Nominating Committee operates on the basis of consensus and provides a consensus recommendation to Council.
4. Council approves all inductees to the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame.

### Selection Criteria

The research identified three main categories for inclusion in a sports wall of fame - individual athletes; teams; and builders.

Key criteria to be considered in all of the inductee categories for the 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.
2. Achievement at a provincial, national, international or world championship level.
3. Retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of three years.\*
4. In good standing with the related provincial, national or international sport federation.
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 60 per cent Richmond residents. Team member's names will not be included on the Wall of Fame plaque.
8. Team that has won a championship or title at the national and or international level in a given year.

*\*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.*

**Financial Impact**

Costs related to the construction and installation of the Wall of Fame at the Richmond Olympic Oval has been included in the Richmond Olympic Experience approved capital budget.

The costs of an induction ceremony along with individual recognition such as a plaque for each inductee will be approximately \$200 per inductee and will be funded from the Community Services operating budget.

**Conclusion**

Endorsement of the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy will allow work to begin on identifying individual athletes, teams, and builders of sport in Richmond to be included in Wall of Fame, which is scheduled to open in 2015 as part of the Richmond Olympic Experience.



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Att. 1: Draft Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy



**Policy:**

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 three categories:
  - a. Athlete
  - b. Team
  - c. Builder
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.