



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** September 17, 2014
From: Serena Lusk **File:** 11-7000-10-01/2014
Senior Manager, Recreation and Sport Services
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 September 17, 2014, be approved.
2. Richmond Sports Council be requested to establish and nominate non-council members as 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 September 17, 2014, and report back to Council with proposed nominations for the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame no later than November 17, 2014.

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Att. 2

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Staff Report

Origin

At the October 22, 2012 Council Meeting, 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.

This report supports Council's Term Goal #2 Community Social Services:

To develop and implement an updated social services strategy that clearly articulates and communicates the City's roles, priorities and limitations with respect to social services issues and needs.

2.9. Encourage the development of community volunteer programs and strategies that build a broad, knowledgeable and keen volunteer base, and that provide positive and meaningful opportunities for volunteers to utilize their talents while helping to provide important services to the community.

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 proposed policy, process, and accompanying selection criteria 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 proposed policy (Attachment 1) identifies 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 the 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 (to be appointed by Richmond Sports Council); and
 - c. One Richmond Sports Council Life Time Member (to be appointed by Richmond Sports Council).
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 will provide a recommendation to Council.
4. Council will approve 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. In good standing with the related provincial, national or international sport federation.
4. Retired from the sport for which they are nominated for a minimum of three years.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 60 per cent Richmond residents. Team members' names will not be included on the Wall of Fame 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.

Stakeholder Support

Richmond Sports Council is in support of the proposed policy as well as the process and criteria outlined in this report. A letter confirming their support is included as Attachment 2.

Financial Impact

Costs related to the construction and installation of the Wall of Fame at the Richmond Olympic Oval have 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: Proposed Richmond Sports Wall of Fame Policy
Att. 2: Letter from Richmond Sports Council

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.*



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Adopted by Council:

Policy

File Ref:

DRAFT - 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.

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October 1, 2014

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Dear Ms. Lusk:

RE: Staff Recommendations for the Richmond Sports Wall of Fame

The Richmond Sports Council's Wall of Fame Committee supports the Staff Recommendations that will be presented to the General Purposes Committee on Monday, October 6, 2014.

After our discussions with Gregg Wheeler and you on Monday, September 29th, Donna and I forwarded a position paper to our Committee. We have not heard from all the members of our Committee, but we have the support of the majority of our Committee.

Our Committee feels that if we do not support this project now it could be many years before we have an opportunity to establish a Richmond Sports History Wall of Fame in a City of Richmond. We are also pleased that the Staff Recommendation indicates that for any recommendation of an athlete, team or builder will have to be made by the Richmond Sports Council Wall of Fame Committee. All recommendations for the Richmond Wall of Fame MUST be made by this Committee.

Finally we are happy that the Staff Recommendation will endorse our suggestion that names of a members of a team inducted into the Richmond Sports Sport History Wall of Fame will be included in the electronic kiosk so that the citizens of Richmond will know who was on an inducted team.

Thank-you for your understanding and support.

On behalf of the Richmond Sports Council Wall of Fame Committee (Stu Corrigan, Donna Marsland, Bill McNulty and Bob Jackson),

Submitted by,

Bob Jackson
Vice-Chair
Richmond Sports Council