



# RICHMOND CITY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 2015.

## City of Richmond Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

February 23, 2016

Re: Richmond City Baseball's proposal of possible baseball development at South Arm Park

### Richmond City Baseball Background:

- Richmond City Baseball (RCBA) has been serving the Richmond community for over 56 years
- RCBA is one of fifty-three member associations of BC Baseball
  - BC Baseball comprises of 17,000+ players or 64% of the total player membership in the province
  - 2015 RCBA membership rose to 507
    - trending for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of 10%+ growth of its membership

### Redevelopment Reasoning:

- Richmond City Baseball Association (RCBA) needs to move its youngest and most vulnerable players to a new park site
- enhance the re-development of the new park in order to accommodate population growth in younger divisions
- 68% or 340 of RCBA's youngest players will be positively affected by this move. ***This registration trend continues in 2016***
- Utilizes the fields closer to center of Richmond; closer to an expanding demographic

### Redevelopment Proposal:

- Richmond City Baseball Association (RCBA) would like to re-develop part of Whiteside Park in three phases during 2016 through 2018.
  - Meet modern user expectations in centralized multi-field facility
  - Keeps families at one location for multiple years (ownership & pride within the community)
  - Complement existing park amenities
    - Community Centre, pool, playground, tennis and basketball courts for example
- As part of the planned re-development, RCBA will increase the amenities in the park; increasing concession amenities at the new park will be the centerpiece to the re-development



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- RCBA will develop financial support through community partnerships as well as donations from individuals, companies and by application to major granting organizations.
- RCBA will contribute financially to the three-phase development process
- RCBA's planned enhancement to Whiteside Park will increase foot traffic and participation by more than 14,000 people each year. Increased usage of games, practices and tournaments will draw a greater number of mixed age groups: children and adults.

## **Business Plan:**

### **Existing - what RCBA has now: February 20/2016**

- Business Plan
- List of donors
- Financial commitment from RCBA
- Plan for "Trust" fund holder
- Support from Ray Carter, President of Baseball Canada; and Mike Sarai, President of BC Baseball

## **GOAL:**

To establish a baseball quadraplex at Whiteside field

- Phase I -2016
- -Phase II – 2016/17
- -Phase III – 2017/18

## **FUNDING:**

- RCBA will invest \$20,000 over a two year fiscal period to support the completion of Phase III
- RCBA will actively pursue funding sources
- RCBA requires support of Richmond City in VIK or direct construction support

## **WHAT WE NEED NOW:**

- Parks Board Approval – following a feasibility study
- Water/Electrical services –plan and support



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***This is the conclusion of our presentation and on behalf of our “Chuckers” baseball family we appreciate your time.***

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Richmond City Baseball**

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