



**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee
Electronic Meeting**

**Anderson Room, City Hall
6911 No. 3 Road**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026
4:00 p.m.**

Pg. # ITEM

MINUTES

PRCS-3 *Motion to adopt the **minutes** of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on March 24, 2026.*



NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

May 26, 2026, (tentative date) at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room.

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE DIVISION

- 1. AQUATICS INSTRUCTOR AND LIFEGUARD SUBSIDY PROGRAM UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 11-7125-01) (REDMS No. 8340340)

PRCS-8

See Page PRCS-8 for full report

Designated Speaker: Kirsten Close

**Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee Agenda
Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

Pg. # ITEM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report titled “Aquatics Instructor and Lifeguard Subsidy Program Update”, dated April 2, 2026, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be received for information.

2. **SPORT COURT AND FIELD STRATEGY – GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
(File Ref. No. 11-7000-01) (REDMS No. 8351917)

PRCS-13

See Page PRCS-13 for full report

Designated Speaker: Mandeep Bains

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Guiding Principles, as detailed in the report titled “Sport Court and Field Strategy – Guiding Principles”, dated April 2, 2026, from the Director, PRC, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, be approved and used to inform the strategic directions and actions of the new Sport Court and Field Strategy.

3. **MANAGER’S REPORT**

ADJOURNMENT



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Place: Anderson Room
Richmond City Hall

Present: Mayor Malcolm Brodie
Councillor Michael Wolfe, Chair
Councillor Laura Gillanders
Councillor Andy Hobbs (by teleconference)
Councillor Bill McNulty

Also Present: Councillor Carol Day

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee held on February 24, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE DIVISION

- ARTS SERVICES YEAR IN REVIEW 2025**
(File Ref. No. 11-7000-11-01) (REDMS No. 7953503)

Staff presented a video summary of 2025 arts activities (copy on file, City Clerk’s Office).

It was requested that the Arts Services Year in Review 2025 presentation be forwarded to the April 13, 2026 Council meeting.

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It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the Arts Services Year in Review 2025 as presented in the report titled, "Arts Services Year in Review 2025", dated March 2, 2026, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services, be received for information; and*
- (2) *That the Arts Services Year in Review 2025 be circulated to community partners and interested parties for their information.*

CARRIED

2. **APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AT 7340 SIDAWAY RD**

(File Ref. No. 11-7000-10-01) (REDMS No. 8326733)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) no complaints have been received by the Richmond RCMP or Bylaws department over the past five years of operations, (ii) the Vancouver Gun Club offers a range of shooting disciplines, including trap and skeet, to both members and the public, (iii) the Firearms Bylaw does not stipulate a time limit for the duration of the permit, and a five-year limit is recommended to allow for periodic review while aligning with the five-year renewal requirements under the Shooting Clubs and Shooting Ranges Regulations, and (iv) there is no residency requirement to be a member of the Vancouver Gun Club.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the application by the Vancouver Gun Club for a permit to allow for the discharge of firearms under the City of Richmond's Regulating the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw No. 4183 for the property at 7340 Sidaway Road, Richmond be approved as detailed in the report titled, "Application for a Permit to Allow for the Discharge of Firearms at 7340 Sidaway Road, Richmond", dated March 2, 2026, from the Director of Recreation and Sport Services; and*
- (2) *That the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, be authorized to issue a permit as described in Attachment 2, to allow for the discharge of firearms at the Vancouver Gun Club under the City of Richmond's Regulating the Discharge of Firearms Bylaw No. 4183 for the property at 7340 Sidaway Road.*

CARRIED

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3. STEVESTON PARK LEGACY WALK – EXPANDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET INCREASE

(File Ref. No. 06-2345-20-STEVE2) (REDMS No. 8349416)

Jim Kojima, Director, Steveston Community Society and member of the Japanese Canadian Heritage Committee, spoke in support of the Steveston Park Legacy Walk concept plan, noting (i) improved lighting and safety, (ii) path widening and accessibility improvements, and (iii) Steveston Community Society's contribution and additional funding required for the expanded scope of work.

Staff were directed to provide a memorandum with additional detail on the proposed pathway network, including diagrams and information related to tree removal and planting.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) the expanded scope of work, (ii) accessibility and safety improvements, (iii) proposed lighting, (iv) the Cherry Tree Allee, (v) tree preservation and enhancement, (vi) enhanced connectivity and the establishment of a more cohesive and unified pathway network, and (v) the future vision for Steveston Community Park.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the expanded scope of work for the Steveston Park Legacy Walk as outlined in the report titled "Steveston Park Legacy Walk – Expanded Scope of Work and Budget Increase", dated March 2, 2026, from the Director, Park Services, be approved;*
- (2) *That a \$300,000 budget increase for the Steveston Park Legacy Walk capital project with \$100,000 funded from the Council Community Initiatives Account and \$200,000 from external contribution as outlined in the report titled "Steveston Park Legacy Walk – Expanded Scope of Work and Budget Increase", dated March 2, 2026, from the Director, Park Services, be approved;*
- (3) *Should Council approve the proposed expanded scope of work and budget increase, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture be authorized to amend the existing contribution agreement on behalf of the City of Richmond with the Steveston Community Society, to reflect the additional contribution from the Steveston Community Society to the City;*
- (4) *That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2026–2030) be amended accordingly; and*
- (5) *That staff proceed with next steps, as outlined in the report titled "Steveston Park Legacy Walk – Expanded Scope of Work and Budget Increase", dated March 2, 2026, from the Director, Park Services.*

CARRIED

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4. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

(i) Ships to Shore and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Update

Staff provided a brief update on planning for the Kaiwo Maru – King of the Sea 2026 and Richmond Celebrates Soccer events.

Discussion ensued regarding (i) Ships to Shore event marketing and programming information provided to the Richmond School District No. 38, (ii) maintenance underway at Garry Point Park, (iii) signage at Imperial Landing related to dock availability, (iv) a forthcoming memorandum outlining landside programming, (v) marketing for Richmond Celebrates Soccer, and (vi) Tourism Richmond's partner hub for FIFA World Cup.

Committee requested a memorandum outlining the cost difference between constructing a new dock at Garry Point Park and relocating the existing dock.

(ii) Let's Talk Richmond Engagement Activities

Staff advised that surveys on the Let's Talk Richmond online engagement platform for an outdoor covered multi-use court are open March 26 to April 26, and that the Volunteer Management Strategy survey is open until March 29.

(iii) Habitat Restoration Along the Middle Arm Waterfront Trail

Discussion ensued regarding foreshore habitat restoration and infrastructure works undertaken by Raincoast Conservation Foundation in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, with staff noting that the City would work with Raincoast to improve signage notifying the public of the works.

(iv) Earth Week

Discussion ensued regarding Earth Week events and activities, with staff advising that further information is forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (4:37 p.m.).

CARRIED

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

Councillor Michael Wolfe
Chair

Shannon Unrau
Legislative Services Associate



To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee **Date:** April 2, 2026

From: Keith Miller, Director, Recreation and Sport Services **File:** 11-7125-01/2025-Vol 01

Re: Aquatics Instructor and Lifeguard Subsidy Program Update

Staff Recommendation

That the report titled “Aquatics Instructor and Lifeguard Subsidy Program Update”, dated April 2, 2026, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be received for information.

Keith Miller
Director, Recreation and Sport Services
(604-247-4475)

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Finance Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Community Social Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

At the Regular Council meeting held on October 11, 2022, Council approved the following motion:

1. *That a subsidy program for lifeguard training courses be developed on a trial basis as outlined in the staff report titled "Instructor/Lifeguard Recruitment Initiatives," dated September 2, 2022, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services; and*
2. *That \$33,750 be allocated from the Council Contingency account for the lifeguard subsidy program as outlined in the staff report titled "Instructor/Lifeguard Recruitment Initiatives," dated September 2, 2022, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services.*

At the Regular Council meeting held on May 13, 2024, Council approved the following motion:

1. *That a subsidy program for aquatics instructors and lifeguards, as outlined in the report titled "Aquatics Instructor and Lifeguard Subsidy Program Update", dated March 21, 2024, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be endorsed; and*
2. *That a one-time additional level request to continue the subsidy program for aquatics instructors and lifeguards be considered in the 2025 budget process.*

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the aquatics instructor and lifeguard subsidy program (the Program).

Background

Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City experienced a shortage of lifeguards and swimming instructors (lifeguards), largely due to the reduced availability of training and certification courses during that time. In addition, many existing lifeguards moved on to other careers. One of several recruitment initiatives implemented to increase access to qualified lifeguard candidates was the introduction of the Program to support Richmond residents facing financial barriers in completing the training required to become a lifeguard.

Becoming a lifeguard involves extensive training and successful completion of several courses in lifesaving, lifeguarding, first aid and swimming instruction. The maximum time commitment to complete all courses required to become a lifeguard is currently 180 hours, at a total estimated cost of \$2,500. As the courses are progressive and taken in sequence, the cumulative training typically takes three to six months on average to complete.

The Program trial was launched in May 2023, to enable Richmond residents from low-income households to obtain relevant training to pursue a career as a lifeguard. Additional funding was approved by Council in March 2024, to continue the Program past the trial period.

In addition to being a Richmond resident, applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the Program:

- Financial eligibility requirements that align with the City’s Recreation Fee Subsidy Program;
- Successfully complete an in-person swim assessment, including:
 - Evaluation of swimming strokes and fitness, and;
 - Ability to swim 400 metres continuously using recognizable swimming strokes;
- Demonstrate motivation and commitment to completing all training courses required to become an aquatics instructor or lifeguard; and
- Demonstrate interest in a career or position in aquatics with the City.

In addition to the financial screening and skills assessment, each applicant is interviewed to determine their suitability and commitment to completing the required courses. Once approved, the Program provides each candidate with a 90 per cent subsidy for each required course. Staff monitor the candidates throughout their participation, and all graduates are provided with the opportunity to apply for a position in Aquatics with the City.

The Program was promoted on the City’s website, to Recreation Fee Subsidy Program participants, at Community Services Pop Ups, and through community organizations, including Richmond School District No. 38.

Analysis

While the Program has been actively promoted, implemented and administered since its launch in 2023, overall outcomes to date have been limited, as summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Subsidy Program Results – May 2023 to June 2026

Subsidy Program Results	
Total No. of Applicants	70
No. of Applicants Approved	53
No. of Candidates Withdrawn	13
No. of Candidates Active	17
No. of Candidates Completed	23
No. of Candidates Applied for Employment	16
No. of Candidates Hired	10

Over the three-year period, the number of applications indicates sustained interest among eligible Richmond residents; however, the Program has yielded only modest progress toward its objective of increasing the supply of qualified lifeguard candidates to support the City’s recruitment needs.

A program of this nature requires significant time, effort and commitment from participants. The Program was designed to provide a supportive pathway for external candidates requiring financial assistance to obtain required aquatic certifications and transition into City employment. However, results indicate attrition at multiple stages: some candidates withdrew before

completing courses, and others did not proceed to apply for City employment after completion. In total, 13 candidates withdrew for reasons such as scheduling conflicts, changes in personal availability, or lack of interest or commitment.

Of the 23 candidates who completed the program, 16 applied for employment with the City and progressed through the recruitment process. Ten candidates were hired, which resulted in three Instructor/Lifeguards, as well as five Aquatic Attendants, and two Swimming Instructors due to minimum age and training requirements. One of the candidates who was hired is no longer employed with the City. Additionally, candidates hired through the Program have only moderately contributed to addressing critical scheduling gaps, thereby reducing the Program's overall effectiveness in meeting operational staffing needs.

In addition to these considerations, subsidized aquatic training and certification are no longer required to address aquatic instructor and lifeguard recruitment needs. As the City is no longer experiencing a lifeguard shortage, Aquatics hiring needs have stabilized and pre-pandemic staffing levels have been exceeded.

The Council-appointed Aquatic Advisory Board (Board) discussed the future of the Program at their meeting held on March 17, 2026. The Board unanimously supported the conclusion of the Program noting that although it has provided opportunities for some Richmond residents to access subsidized lifeguard training, alternative recruitment strategies are no longer necessary. As such, the Program will be concluded at the end of the year. The Board encouraged staff to keep them apprised of lifeguard labour market conditions and, if required, would consider recommending the reinstatement of the Program to address aquatics hiring needs.

Financial Impact

Funding for the Program, totaling \$78,750, was approved in two stages: \$33,750 in October 2022, from the Council Contingency account, and \$45,000 as a one-time additional level in the 2025 Operating Budget. This funding is anticipated to be fully utilized by the end of the Spring 2026 season.

In order to support the 17 currently active candidates to complete the required courses through December 31, 2026, incremental costs of up to \$10,000 will be accommodated within existing operating budgets, and no additional funding is required.

Next Steps

New applications are no longer being accepted and the Program will be concluded by the end of the year. Current active candidates will be permitted to continue completing the required courses through December 31, 2026, to support progression toward potential aquatics employment with the City.

To support a smooth transition, staff will develop and implement a communications plan to inform prospective and current candidates of the Program's conclusion. This will include updates to the City's website and direct communications to active candidates outlining the supports that remain available through 2026.

Additionally, lifeguard labour market conditions and operational indicators will continue to be monitored, and staff will report back to Council should reinstatement of the Program be warranted.

Conclusion

While the Program generated meaningful interest among Richmond residents and helped reduce financial barriers for individuals seeking aquatic training and certifications, overall results and market conditions indicate that an ongoing subsidy initiative is no longer required. Participation and completion have been lower than anticipated, and the number of new hires attributed to the Program has been modest relative to the expenditures. Given these outcomes, the Program will conclude, while continuing to support current active candidates through December 31, 2026, to complete required courses. Staff will focus on alternative recruitment approaches and will continue to monitor aquatics labour market conditions, reporting back to Council should future conditions warrant reconsideration of the Program.



Kirsten Close
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Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee **Date:** April 2, 2026

From: Mandeep Bains, Director, PRC, Planning and Strategic Initiatives **File:** 11-7000-01/2025-Vol 01

Re: **Sport Court and Field Strategy – Guiding Principles**

Staff Recommendation

That the Guiding Principles, as detailed in the report titled “Sport Court and Field Strategy – Guiding Principles”, dated April 2, 2026, from the Director, PRC, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, be approved and used to inform the strategic directions and actions of the new Sport Court and Field Strategy.

Mandeep Bains
 Director, PRC, Planning and Strategic Initiatives
 (604-247-4479)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Recreation and Sport Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Parks Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

The City has a long history of working closely with local sport organizations to facilitate equitable allocation of outdoor sports fields and courts. In addition, these spaces support significant levels of informal and unstructured use by individuals and informal community groups, reflecting their broader role in enabling accessible, everyday recreation and physical activity. The Council-adopted Richmond Field Sport Strategy 2006–2011 (Field Sport Strategy) has guided the planning and delivery of field sport facilities and services in Richmond, fostering an environment that encourages participation in outdoor sport activities under the guiding vision that “Everyone Can Play”.

Funding to develop a new Sport Court and Field Strategy (Strategy) was approved by Council as part of the 2025 Capital Budget. The new Strategy will build on the Field Sport Strategy and position the City to continue to provide high-quality outdoor sport infrastructure that supports community participation, contributes to a healthy and active community, fosters social connections and community well-being.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval of the proposed guiding principles (Guiding Principles) that will help shape the development of the new 10-year Strategy.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond’s interests.

1.3 Increase the reach of communication and engagement efforts to connect with Richmond’s diverse community.

1.4 Leverage a variety of approaches to make civic engagement and participation easy and accessible.

This report supports Council’s Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Focus Area #6 A Vibrant, Resilient and Active Community:

Vibrant, resilient and active communities supported by a wide variety of opportunities to get involved, build relationships and access resources.

6.1 Advance a variety of program, services, and community amenities to support diverse needs and interests and activate the community.

6.3 Foster intercultural harmony, community belonging, and social connections.

Additionally, the new Strategy will align and support the advancement of several Council-endorsed strategies, including: 2022 Parks and Open Space Strategy; Community Wellness Strategy (2018–2023); Recreation and Sport Strategy (2019–2024); Seniors Strategy (2022–2023); Youth Strategy (2022–2032); and Richmond Accessibility Plan (2023–2033).

Analysis

Background

Outdoor sport courts and fields are vital components of Richmond’s parks and recreation system, supporting physical activity, social connection, and community well-being.

The previous Field Sport Strategy laid a strong foundation for making significant improvements to the delivery of field sport facilities and service delivery in Richmond under the guiding vision that “Everyone can play”. The City continues to monitor and respond to evolving sport needs through the implementation of related parks, recreation and sport strategies and plans, ongoing collaboration with community sport organizations, and investment in outdoor sport infrastructure. These efforts have supported the development of a diverse network of outdoor sport courts and fields that contribute to community wellbeing, recreation participation and sport development across the city.

The City maintains and allocates a diverse inventory of outdoor sport assets, including courts, fields, and track and field facilities, delivered through a combination of City-owned, Richmond School District No. 38 (SD38), and shared-use sites (see Attachment 1).

Strategy Development

Since the adoption of the previous Field Sport Strategy, Richmond has continued to grow and evolve. The new Strategy will build on the foundation of earlier work, respond to current and emerging priorities, and guide future planning, management, allocation and investment in outdoor sport courts and fields across Richmond.

While the previous Field Sport Strategy focused primarily on field sports, the new Strategy will expand the planning scope to include both outdoor playing fields and outdoor sport courts and associated amenities, such as parking, lighting, washrooms and changerooms that support sport court and field use. This expanded scope reflects the growing role of court-based facilities in supporting both organized sport and casual community recreation.

The development of the Strategy will be undertaken over two phases. These include:

Project Phases

Phase 1: Review, Research, and Engagement

- Develop Guiding Principles to help guide the project;
- **Seek Council approval of Guiding Principles;**
- Conduct research, including an analysis of current facility usage and participation patterns, and learnings from the previous Field Sport Strategy;
- Review current and projected population and demographic information and emerging sports and recreation trends;
- Evaluate and rate condition of existing infrastructure;
- Develop an engagement plan and provide an Information Memo to Council on planned engagement activities and timing; and
- Undertake engagement with community, community partners, and interested parties.

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Phase 2: Review of Engagement Results and Strategy Development

- Develop a summary report to capture findings from Phase 1 engagement;
- Develop the draft Strategy;
- **Present the draft Strategy to Council and seek endorsement to solicit feedback on the draft Strategy;**
- Solicit feedback from community, sport organizations and groups, interested parties on the draft Strategy; and
- **Present the finalized Strategy for Council adoption.**

Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles are a set of values that establish a framework for expected behaviour and decision-making that will help guide the Strategy’s development and inform the Strategy’s strategic directions and actions.

The following Guiding Principles are proposed to guide the development of the Strategy:

1. A Community Informed Shared Vision

Through the process of developing the Strategy, consultation with residents, sport organizations, community partners and other interested parties will enable a greater understanding of multiple perspectives, with the aim that the final Strategy reflects a shared vision to guide the planning, development and stewardship of outdoor sport courts and fields in Richmond.

Participation patterns, operational considerations, population and demographic trends will inform recommendations that reflect and respond to current and evolving interests and needs.

2. Alignment with Strategic Direction

The Strategy will be developed in alignment with Council-endorsed strategies, as well as local, provincial, and national frameworks (e.g., Framework for Recreation in Canada, Building Safe Sport in Canada, and Canadian Sport for Life Long-Term Development), along with best practices related to sport, recreation, accessibility, health, and inclusion. This alignment will help ensure that the Strategy supports broader policy goals and contributes to an integrated sport and recreation system.

3. Equity and Inclusive Access

The Strategy development process will consider how outdoor sport courts and fields can continue to support equitable access for residents of all ages, abilities, cultures, and backgrounds, with particular attention to reducing barriers to participation and ensuring facilities support inclusive and diverse community needs.

4. Responsible Stewardship of Infrastructure

The Strategy will consider how these facilities can be planned, managed, allocated, and maintained to support efficient use, long-term sustainability, and responsible stewardship of public infrastructure. Continued opportunities for collaboration with sport organizations and community partners will also be considered to support effective facility use and care.

Proposed Approach

The use of field and court sports in Richmond is supported through ongoing collaboration between the City and local sport organizations. As such, the Strategy development process will include extensive engagement with these organizations throughout the process. Engagement will also include consultation with residents, community partners and other interested parties. Collectively, this engagement will inform an understanding of current facility use, operational considerations, participation patterns and emerging needs, and help identify opportunities to support sport and recreation in Richmond. Engagement will include consultation with the following groups and organizations:

- Richmond Sport Council and member organizations;
- Council Advisory Committees (e.g., Seniors, Youth, Accessibility);
- SD38;
- Community Associations and Societies that provide recreation and sport programs and services; and
- Local and Provincial Sport Organizations (e.g., soccer, baseball, lacrosse, ball hockey, pickleball).

An engagement plan will be developed using a multi-pronged approach. To ensure an inclusive approach, engagement will include both online and in-person methods such as Let's Talk Richmond surveys, in-person intercept surveys, workshops and open houses.

Next Steps

Following Council’s approval of the Guiding Principles, the engagement plan will be finalized. An information memo providing a project update outlining upcoming engagement with the community, community partners, and interested parties will be provided to Council in Q3 2026.

A draft Strategy will be brought to Council for consideration and adoption in Q1 2027, and the final Strategy in Q2 2027.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

The Guiding Principles proposed in this report will provide a foundation for the development of the new Sport Court and Field Strategy: The Strategy will guide the planning, management and allocation of outdoor sport courts and fields in Richmond, ensuring the City is well positioned to continue providing high-quality outdoor sport infrastructure that supports community participation, contributes to a healthy and active community, fosters social connections and community well-being.



Mandeep Bains
Director, PRC, Planning and Strategic Initiatives
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Attachment 1: Outdoor Sport Court and Field Inventory

Outdoor Sport Court and Field Inventory

Facility Type	Quantity	Notes
Basketball Courts	116 – Total (72 – Full, 44 – Half) 36 – City of Richmond (3 at Richmond Olympic Oval) 78 – School District No. 38 2 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of concrete (5), asphalt (106), and acrylic sport surfaces (5). 11 courts with lights.
Tennis Courts	51 – Total 43 – City of Richmond 7 – School District No. 38 1 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of concrete (3), asphalt (22), and acrylic sport surfaces (26). 28 courts with lights.
Pickleball Courts (Dedicated)	9 – Total 9 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All courts are acrylic sport surface. All courts with lights. Additional use accommodated on shared tennis courts.
Ball Hockey Pads	23 – Total 6 – City of Richmond 15 – School District No. 38 2 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All ball hockey pads are asphalt. 2 pads with lights.
Lacrosse Boxes	3 – Total 3 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of asphalt (1), and acrylic sport surfaces (2). All boxes with lights.
Multi-Use Fields	25 – Total 9 – City of Richmond 7 – School District No. 38 9 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports soccer, football, rugby, baseball and softball. Mix of clay-based (19), sand-based (3) and artificial turf (3). 5 fields with lights.
Soccer Fields (Dedicated)	53 – Total 22 – City of Richmond (3 at Richmond Olympic Oval) 21 – School District No. 38 11 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of clay-based (38), sand-based (6) and artificial turf (10). 10 fields with lights.
Baseball and Softball Fields (Dedicated)	71 – Total 29 – City of Richmond 26 – School District No. 38 16 – Shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of gravel (1), clay-based (63), sand-based (6) and artificial turf (1). 3 baseball diamonds with lights.
Track and Field	1 – Total 1 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes 1 competition track, 1 long jump, 1 high jump, and 1 throwing centre (javelin, discus, shot put and hammer throw).
Cricket Pitch	1 – Total 1 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay-based turf.
Lawn Bowling Greens	2 – Total 2 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial turf.
Beach Volleyball Courts	2 – Total 2 – City of Richmond (2 at Richmond Olympic Oval)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand.
Horseshoe Pitch	4 – Total 4 – City of Richmond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sand/asphalt.
Batting Cages	3 – Total 2 – City of Richmond 1 – School District No. 38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball (1), softball (1) and cricket (1).