



# RFC Chair Report

## 2020-2021

As we conclude our 2020–2021 season, COVID-19 had a profound impact on our club, our families and the community.

We lost Sam Mashgoul, a RFC player, and Peter Lehal, a RFC parent. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

RFC's entire 2020 spring program was lost. Provincials and local championships were cancelled. For three months our fields and schools remained closed and empty. When we were allowed to resume a tiny fraction of our programming, health and safety protocols and plans were needed. Volunteers were needed, and lots of them. Making sure hands and equipment were sprayed and cleaned, gates were monitored and field marshalling became paramount.

RFC simply does not succeed without the time and energy put forth by of our volunteers. Thank You.

Budget - RFC is in a slight surplus position for the year ended March 31, 2021. The impact of COVID will be felt in the coming year, however, through solid financial stewardship, we should be just fine. RFC did apply for, and received, the CEBA funding through the federal government.

Gaming Grant - RFC received \$100k for the year past. We are expecting to receive the same amount for the coming year. BC Gaming has indicated that funding levels won't be changing for applications this year.

Lottery / Sponsorship – our Executive Director, Marius Roevde, has created an ongoing relationship with GO Auto/Columbia Chrysler Dodge Jeep. We are extremely fortunate to have Go Auto on our side! In 2020, RFC was able to hold a lottery for a car and wonderful prizes to raise funds for our club, and we raised significant monies for our club! And we did in a COVID time where we could not set up tents or booths at games or in the City. Cody Kusch was the chair of this committee – thank you for all the work you put in! We will be holding this lottery again this fall.

Scholarships – RFC made the decision to award seven \$1000 scholarships this year. Congratulations to all the recipients – Timothy Ma, Arjun Mann, Connor Brodie, Justin Lui, Jason Dean, Liam Rowley and Noah Remtula. RFC is proud of the commitment you have made towards your club, your school and your community.

Technical – The new technical director for RFC is David Thorburn. We are incredibly excited to have David at RFC and look forward a positive future under his guidance.

Governance – We have adopted the following Strategic Goals.

1. Maximize Player Satisfaction
2. Increase Enrolment
3. Transition to Governance Board
4. Become Richmond's premiere sports organization

It is expected that the next Board, in consultation with Management, will now determine the Objectives in support of those Goals and the strategies to achieve those Objectives.

Personally – my term is up. But I would like to continue be part of the board, including being Chair. I would like to continue working on our Goals and I would like to see RUSC and RFC come together.

I want to thank and acknowledge Tania, Liz and Marius. They do an incredible amount of work for our club. And they do it well.

And our volunteers – thank you! Truly, thank you!

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