



Dear Members:

In the coming weeks you will be given the opportunity to vote on a special resolution that will profoundly change minor hockey in the City of Richmond.

Members of both Richmond Minor Hockey and Seafair Minor Hockey will be asked to authorize their respective boards to wind-up their associations in order to form a single new minor hockey association in Richmond, to start in the 2018-19 season. This resolution was developed by a joint RMHA and SMHA Merger Committee and is endorsed by the Board of Directors of each Association. It is the result of many years of listening to the concerns of our members and in response to a shifting hockey environment both in Richmond and throughout British Columbia.

We have heard from you that you want an Association that puts the interests of the community first, that is responsive to member needs and offers an opportunity for players to compete at the highest levels. The proposed new governance model for hockey in Richmond will help us achieve these objectives.

The information you need to make an informed decision, and the means of how to vote, is now available on the [RMHA](#) and [SMHA](#) websites. We will also be hosting a joint membership information session on October 25th, 7:00pm-9:00pm at [Steveston-London Secondary School](#), 6600 Williams Road to answer any questions.

We strongly encourage you to read and consider all of the information that is available. The proposed changes will strengthen our ability to deliver the best hockey program in BC, maximizing value of your member dues and volunteer time. Some of the benefits will include....

- Bringing together members of the community as representatives of a single hockey association and increasing community involvement.
- Allowing for the streamlining of volunteer efforts and eliminating the duplication of tasks.
- Enhanced focusing on delivery of development programs with the elimination of the battle for players with the 'other side' in any given year.
- Ensure that, in a minor hockey climate that now includes academy programming and may soon include zone programming that the remaining pool of Rep players is viable and thrives by creating a greater pool from which to draw.
- Enable Rep players to play on the best possible team with similarly skilled players while also allowing C (recreational) players a better chance to play with friends and greater flexibility in scheduling.
- Increased opportunities in local sponsorship.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please send them to [voting@richmondminorhockey.com](mailto:voting@richmondminorhockey.com) for RMHA members and [nshackles@seafairhockey.com](mailto:nshackles@seafairhockey.com) for SMHA members.

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