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City of Penticton  
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**Attention: Steven Collyer, Housing and Policy Initiatives Manager**

Dear Steven:

Re: Esplanade Renewal Plans

The Executive Board of the Penticton Tennis Club are pleased to provide the City Administration with our strong support for the Esplanade Renewal Plan, Phase 2, which includes the current location of the Penticton Tennis Club. This site has served the members of the tennis community well over the past 50 years, and we are looking to continue at this footprint over the next several decades.

**Club History:**

The Penticton Tennis Club has a long history in our City. The Club was established in 1898 on Tennis Street. Following World War 2, we moved to Skaha Lake until 1975. At that time, the Club was invited by the City to our current location, and the Penticton Yacht and Tennis Club was formed. A split with the Penticton Yacht Club occurred in 2011, with the loss of use of the adjacent building by the tennis courts due to disrepair in 2021. We also note the removal of the tennis indoor facility in 2006 to make way for the South Okanagan Event Centre that negatively impacted our tennis community, eliminating year-round play and programming. At that time, the City assured the tennis community that the indoor courts would be replaced. To date, this has not occurred.

**Current Status:**

Loss of the use of the existing building adjacent to the tennis court in 2021 has meant the Club has been operating without running water, washroom facilities, social gathering or meeting areas, office space for tennis professionals, or storage space. We have adapted by utilizing a seasonal port-a-potty and sea-can for storage, pending a long-term solution.

**Our Strengths:**

The strength of the Club resides in the commitment of its members, and the offering of

programs to our members and the general public of all ages.

- Our Junior Program provides individual, group lessons, and summer camps for children ages 6 and up. The lessons and camps are popular, with over 120 juniors taking part this past year.
- Our adult programs continue to expand with clinics, lessons, drop-in sessions and leagues for our 180 adult members, as well as the general public.
- Tournaments are held throughout the year, which bring in revenues, benefitting both the Club and the City.
- The membership fees are affordable. The Club awards two annual scholarships to graduating high school students going on to higher education. In addition, we provide funding for disadvantaged children to attend our summer youth camps.
- Our members offer lessons in the elementary schools, high school teams as well as working with the Physical Education teachers.
- Community outreach is a key component of our Club. We have an annual program that runs with the Discovery House residents and alumni. We have also reached out to SOWINS, SOICS and The Penticton Indian Band, aiming to introduce this sport we love to others. For some it is an opportunity of “Healing through Motion” and or simply connecting with new people in our community.

#### **Benefits of our Current Location:**

- Provides a natural setting that is protected from strong, south winds, has cooling breezes from proximity to Okanagan Lake, and provides players with the ability to cool off in the lake during extremely hot days.
- Our Junior Program has benefitted from the location being so close to a safe swimming beach on Marina Way, as we are able to incorporate a much-needed, cool-down lunch break for the Juniors during the hot summer days of their camps.
- No residential concerns from neighbours over noise, traffic or light pollution during evening play, and no curfews are required for night play.
- Adequate parking for our members
- Easily accessible
- We are a daily consistent presence in that area from early spring to late fall – being the eyes and ears for by-law, police, ambulance and fire responders.

#### **Summary:**

Although the tennis courts are in need of renovation work, we cannot access grant monies or begin a fundraising campaign until the City determines the outcome of the Renewal Plan. We have been a long-term tenant at the current site, and have built and maintained the courts, lights and infrastructure at our own expense for 48 years.

With the addition of a Multi-Use Facility, we believe there may be a need for additional parking spaces.

Ideally, the requirements of a clubhouse would be served by the new Multi-Use Facility. However, if that is not feasible, a clubhouse with washrooms and running water could possibly be provided on the current boat trailer storage area adjacent to the tennis courts.

Thank you for continuing to include us during the planning phases of the Esplanade Renewal. We look forward to working with you in the coming months and years.

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Directors,  
Penticton Tennis Club

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