

Indoor Racquet Sport Committee Report to the  
Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre  
AGM Sunday Sept 11, 2021

The Indoor Racquet Sport Committee was formed in 2019 and is a standing committee of the TBCTC. Its mandate is to pursue the building an indoor court facility as part of the Chapples Park Master Plan.

The committee composition is seven appointees from the TBCTC membership and three appointees from the Thunder Bay Pickleball Association.

The current committee membership is listed below:

Appointed by TBCTC	Appointed by TB Pickleball Association
Charlene Dulaka	Loretta Kwasniwski
Deb Rosnow	Julie McKenna
David Heroux	Jason Horychuk
Elissa Williams	
Jamie Grieve	
Tudor Nisioiu	
Kristine Thompson	

Mark Facca (ex-officio)

Paul Burke (City Representative)

The IC met eight times in 2021—the following are the committee's deliverables:

- Established a fundraising sub-committee which developed corporate sponsorship categories. Fund raising categories included donations from members, naming sponsors, court sponsors and others. Prepared power point presentations for marketing to the corporate sponsorship groups.
- Initiated discussions with Tennis Canada about naming rights sponsorship in partnership with Rogers Communications. Potential sponsorship amount of \$100k to \$200k
- Prepared proforma operating budgets based on court configurations and size scenarios.
- Reviewed JML Engineering Construction Cost Estimates
- Created and reviewed weekly programming which included junior, after school, destination, mens and ladies league play, and pickleball leagues.
- Ongoing meetings with city administration regarding the conditional approval of \$1.5 million in partnership with the Thunder Bay Pickleball Association.
- On-going communication with NOHFC staff regarding 1MM grant application.
- In June, TBCTC was notified that the NOHC grant was successful, and a conditional approval was awarded.
- A re-submission to Fednor for \$1 million was submitted July 2021. Currently this application is pending.
- Presentation by Kelly Robertson, General Manager-Community Services to review action items required to go forward with the indoor facility

- Informal discussions with the Mayor and General Manager Community Services regarding the feasibility of the North side Option (land immediately north of courts 1-9)
- Terms of Reference drafted for the Indoor Facility Sports Facility and a Memorandum of Understanding between the TBCTC and the Thunder Bay Pickleball Association.
- Prepared and distributed to the TBCTC general membership a survey to ascertain the interest and financial commitment for an indoor racquet facility.
- Tabulated the results with presentation to the full IC membership.
- Drafted additional surveys for the pickleball community as well as other user groups, specifically the Amethyst Campers Association group
- Planning for a second townhall with the option to have a live survey to address membership site options preferences ie –north side or south side option.
- Discussions on the hiring of a project manager. This manager will be responsible for developing capital and operating budgets, developing high level site plans, public consultation, procurement of contractors and co-ordination with City Development Services.

On behalf of the indoor racquet sport facility committee, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the past and current committee members for their talent, perseverance and many hours they have dedicated to this extremely important project. I would also like recognize other members who assisted with the survey design and analytics and to the executive who assisted with membership engagement and communications. Thank you all-- it is and will continue to be a long and difficult journey—but it is a journey well worth taking as we witness the accomplishments of Canada's new tennis stars.

Respectively submitted.

David Heroux, Chair

