

Township of  
**Langley**



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## REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**PRESENTED:** APRIL 24, 2017 – REGULAR AFTERNOON  
**FROM:** RECREATION, CULTURE, AND PARKS DIVISION  
**SUBJECT:** LANGLEY COMMUNITY TENNIS

**REPORT:** 17-37  
**FILE:** 0230-20

### RECOMMENDATION:

**That** Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with the Langley Community Tennis Association to continue to operate an indoor tennis facility at Willoughby Community Park for an additional two years subject to a review and confirmation that the structure and safety procedures comply with the original building permit.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Langley Community Tennis Association (LCTA), which is a registered non-profit society, has requested an extension of the existing agreement to provide and operate an indoor tennis facility at Willoughby Community Park (Attachment A). The original agreement was approved by Council at the Special Meeting of July 5, 2010 for a period of no longer than seven years. The current agreement expires June 5, 2017. If the agreement was not renewed, the temporary building over the 4 community tennis courts would be removed by the Association's service provider and the tennis courts would become exposed to seasonal weather conditions and be publicly accessible as part of the Community Park infrastructure. Currently, the Indoor Tennis Facility provides a weather protected, all year round facility for tennis players to learn, practise and play tennis consistently throughout the year. A more permanent indoor sport facility that could include tennis and other facilities has been envisioned for Yorkson Community Park and a Request for Proposal process will be undertaken later in 2017 to secure proposals to possibly develop a long-term facility at Yorkson Community Park. A new facility could be in place at YCP by 2019 at which time, the existing temporary facility at Willoughby Community Park would be redundant.

Since the signing of the original tri-party agreement, which included the LCTA, Township of Langley and the School District 35, the ownership of the land on which the tennis facility is constructed has changed from SD35 to TOL. Any extension of the existing agreement will no longer involve SD35. A new high school will be opening at this joint park/school site in two years. Staff would recommend that an updated agreement be entered into with LCTA for a period of two years.

### PURPOSE:

To secure Council's authorization to extend the existing agreement with LCTA to provide and operate an indoor tennis facility at Willoughby Community Park for a further two year period.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Langley Community Tennis Association (LCTA), which is a registered non-profit society, has requested an extension of the existing agreement to provide and operate an indoor tennis facility at Willoughby Community Park (Attachment A). The original agreement was approved by Council at the Special Meeting of July 5, 2010 for a period of no longer than seven years. The current agreement expires June 5, 2017. If the agreement was not renewed, the temporary building over the 4 community tennis courts would be removed by the Association's service provider and the tennis courts would become exposed to seasonal weather conditions and be publicly accessible as part of the Community Park infrastructure. Currently, the Indoor Tennis Facility provides a weather protected, all year round facility for tennis players to learn, practise and play tennis consistently throughout the year.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

A more permanent indoor sport facility that could include tennis and other facilities has been envisioned for Yorkson Community Park (Attachment B) and a Request for Proposal process will be undertaken later in 2017 to secure proposals to possibly develop a long-term facility at Yorkson Community Park. A new facility could be in place at YCP by 2019 at which time, the existing temporary facility at Willoughby Community Park would be redundant.

The current indoor tennis facility was originally constructed under a building permit that included an electric heat system. Modifications have been made to the heating system and indoor facility over the life of the original agreement. The LCTA will be asked to confirm that the current building and safety procedures meet the intent of the original building permit issued for the facility prior to extending the agreement for an additional two year period.

### **Legal Implications:**

A new agreement will be prepared between the Township of Langley and the Langley Community Tennis Association for a period of two years to allow for the continued operation of an indoor tennis facility at Willoughby Community Park.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications to the Township by extending the agreement for an additional two years.

Respectfully submitted,

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MANAGER, PARKS ADMINISTRATION, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT  
for  
RECREATION, CULTURE, & PARKS DIVISION

This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed departments.

<b>CONCURRENCES</b>	
<b>Division / Department</b>	<b>Name</b>
Finance Division	K. Sinclair

ATTACHMENT A      Letter from Langley Community Tennis Association  
ATTACHMENT B      Yorkson Community Park South Half

ATTACHMENT A - Letter from Langley Community Tennis Association

February 22, 2017

ATTN: Mr. Al Neufeld and  
Mr. Peter Tulumello  
TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY

Gentlemen:

We would like to thank you for the very productive meeting last November and February and the deliberations considered regarding the future of the Langley Tennis Centre.

As a follow up, we would like to present to you our request for a two-year extension of our contract with an option for an additional two years with the Township of Langley and our continued relationship with the operator, of the Langley Tennis Centre, Mariann Mueller and Durand Sport, Inc.

The Langley Tennis Centre opened as a pilot project in 2011. Today, more than six years later the indoor tennis courts have proven to be a very successful venture as demonstrated by the following:

- Player support of LCTA has doubled since formation in September 2006
- 600 Junior students take lessons and participate in spring and summer camps
- 75% of the membership comes from our Langley area alone
- The club is also supported by members from Abbotsford and Maple Ridge
- The Vancouver and Fraser Valley Korean Associations utilize the facility regularly
- Filipino Association books courts
- Senior and adult groups book four to six courts per day, seven day a week
- Tournament events for adults and youth are held for the entire lower mainland for competition
- The Langley Tennis Centre now employs four full time staff members
- As well, all directors of the LCTA are playing members of the Langley Tennis Centre
- The LTC has also attracted a strong team of teaching professionals

Demographically, indoor tennis at the Willoughby Community Park has become a substantial and significant addition to the community. Therefore, we are confident that an extension to the contract will unquestionably help in our future marketing and development concepts and will further allow the time needed to discuss a permanent indoor facility for Langley.

It is important to offer our community a facility like the Langley Tennis Centre, that gives the people who live, work and play in the community a place where tennis can be their year-round game! The motto of the Langley Tennis Centre is "learn to play, play to improve and improve to compete." We are proud to impact the health and wellness of all our members and guests. We would like everyone who wants to participate to be able to do so twelve months a year, for years to come.

Your consideration of this request is important to us and we look forward to working with you on reaching an agreement on a two-year extension with an option for an additional two-years to the contract.

Respectfully,



Lionel N. Anker  
President, LCTA

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