

# Proposal: New Seasonal Indoor Tennis Facility at Gorsebrook Park

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# Our Vision

Bringing year-round, accessible tennis to the heart of Halifax — serving local schools, universities, families, seniors, and recreational players with affordable, community-first programming.



# Who we are

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- Headstart Tennis is Halifax's most successful tennis academy, delivering quality tennis programs to the public in Halifax since 2010
- We currently operate a successful seasonal indoor facility and outdoor academy in Clayton Park (9+ years)
- Serving thousands of participants annually — from children to seniors
- Working in association with Tennis Nova Scotia and Tennis Canada





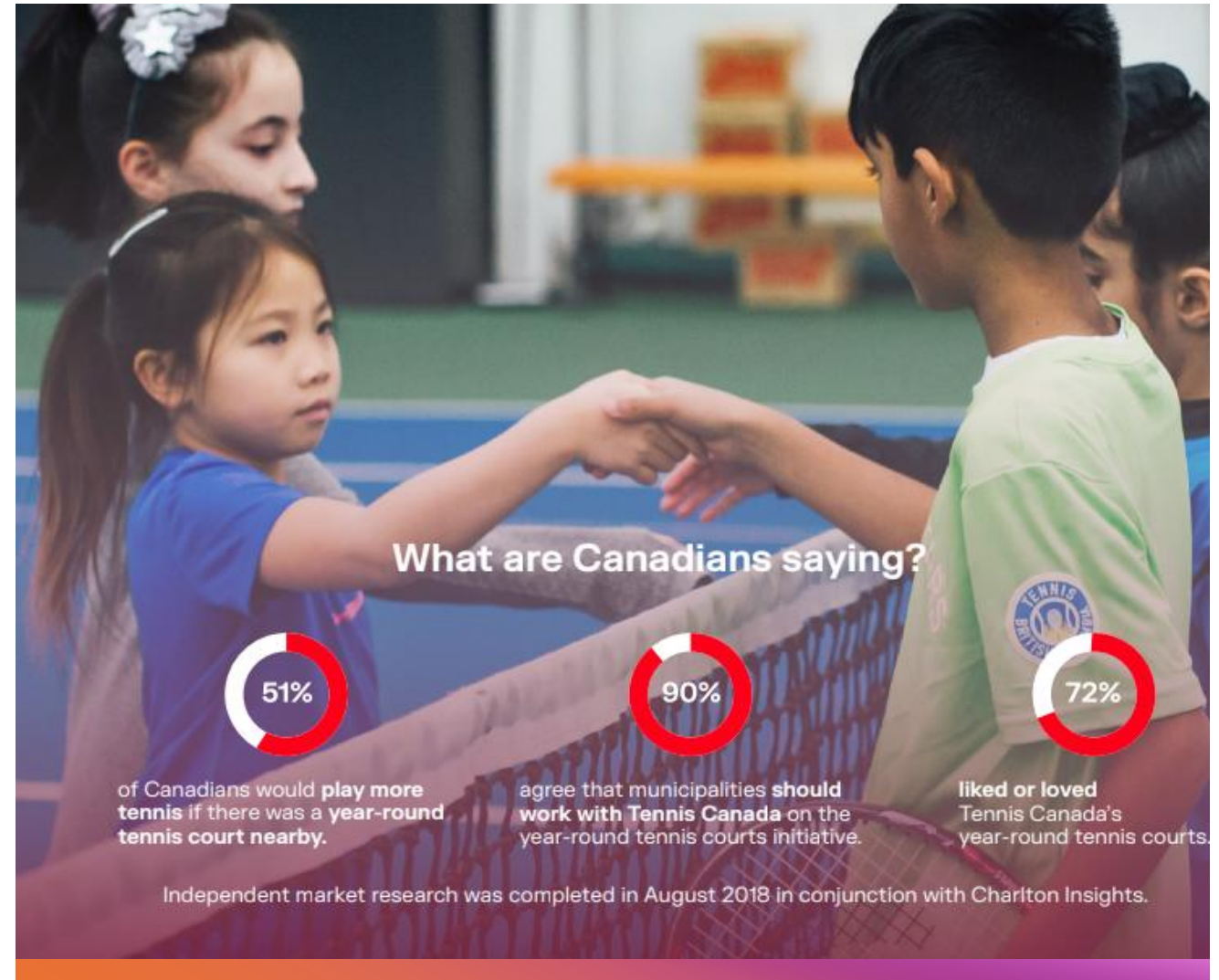
# Why This Is Needed

- Supports the municipality's goals for active living and inclusive recreation as well as its commitment to improving health, wellness, and accessibility to all residents.
- No indoor tennis courts currently exist on the Halifax Peninsula. Only two indoor facilities exist in Halifax, both are operating at nearly 90% capacity, limiting court availability.
- High demand for affordable indoor tennis and pickleball. In year 1 we project up-to 12,000 visits
- University teams and local programs lack training facilities on the peninsula



# Building healthier communities through year-round tennis

- A recent long-term study has shown that regular participation in tennis increases lifespan by 9.7 years, longer than any other activity tested. ([Copenhagen Study](#))
- Our program will grow participation in active recreation across the community, with little to no financial burden on the municipality thus ensuring sustainable and affordable access to tennis
- Increase the physical, mental & social well-being of the community
- Create a variety of new jobs generating economic and social returns
- Tennis is a sport for life. Participants range across all age groups from as young as 4 to 98
- Provide education opportunities, coach certification & volunteering roles





# Our Ask / Proposal

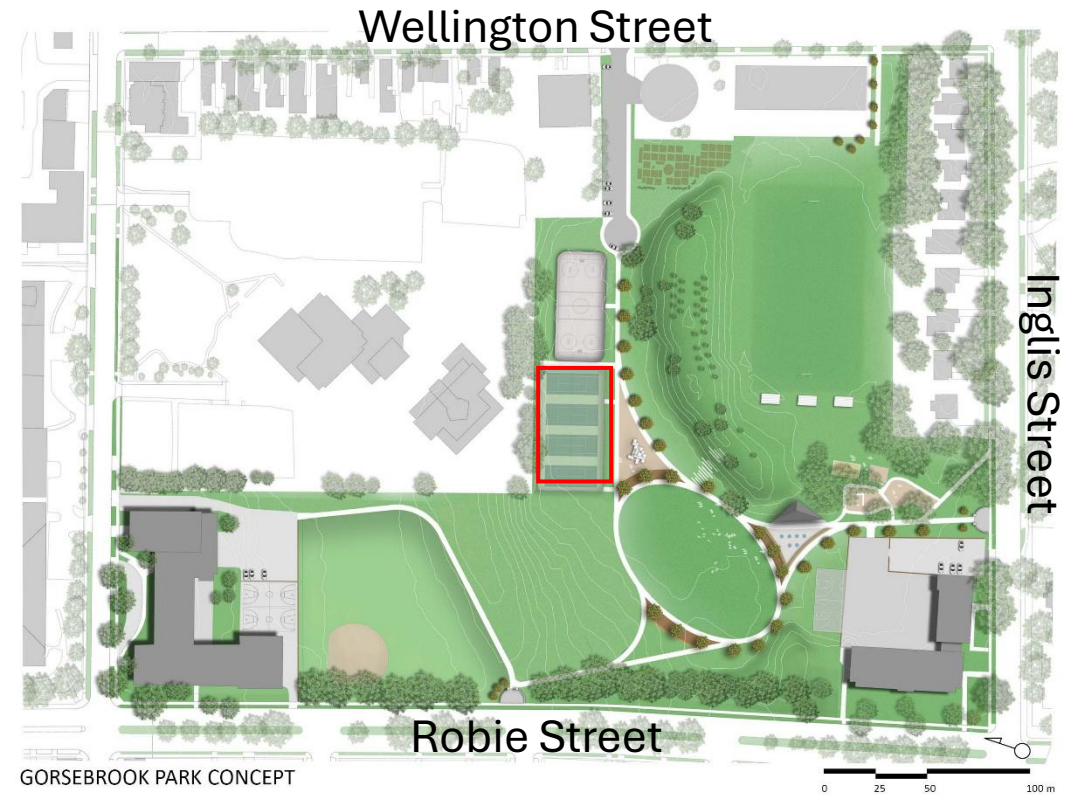
- We request that the municipality proceeds with the construction of four tennis courts, including fencing and concrete footings designed for dome support.
- Allow Headstart Tennis to install and operate the dome, including heating, lighting, and clubhouse facilities at no cost to the municipality.
- Grant Headstart full responsibility for facility operations and maintenance at no cost to the municipality during the indoor season.
- Secure a 15–20-year lease for seasonal installation of an air-supported dome over four tennis courts at Gorsebrook Park, with terms similar to our current agreement, paying the municipality a monthly lease.
- Collaborate with us on court positioning and public washroom placement to ensure efficient winter operation.



# Option A : Preferred



# Option B: Current Plan



# Partnerships and support



[Tennis Canada](#)



[Tennis Nova Scotia](#)



[Dalhousie University Tennis Club](#)



[Rogers Communications](#)



# Why support this initiative?

- This model has been successfully operating in Clayton Park since January of 1992 with Headstart Tennis operating the facility since 2016.
- Headstart Tennis covers all further construction and operating costs for the indoor months with no costs to the municipality (from October to May annually).
- Monthly lease payments will be made to the city, similar to Clayton Park facility.
- Covering courts in winter reduces wear and extends lifespan, lowering resurfacing needs





# What can you do to help this initiative?

- Help advance the approved 2020 Gorsebrook park planning proposal.
- While developing the 4 courts as planned in the approved proposal, we would need the footings to be inserted that would allow for a bubble.
- We will take it from that point to help keep your constituents physically active and assist with building a healthy community.

