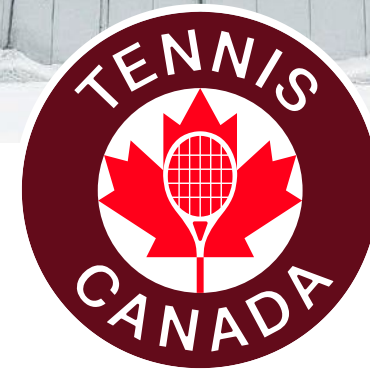
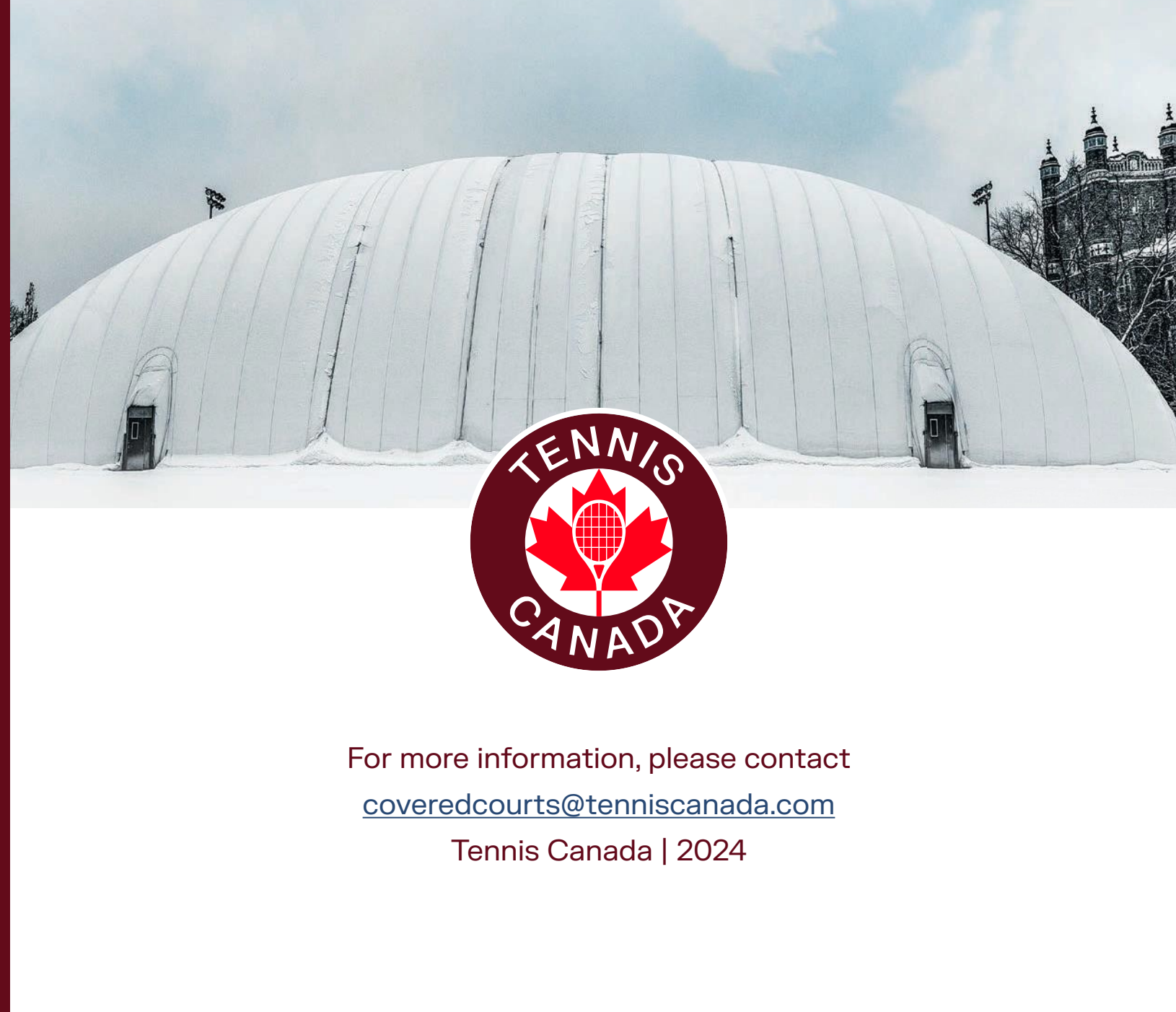


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These year-round covered courts are helping to grow the sport of tennis in Canada and providing communities with opportunities to stay active. As a pro tennis player, I know first-hand that accessibility for kids, and up-and-coming high-performance athletes, is truly helping to empower the next generation of Canadians.

– Bianca Andreescu

To have more covered courts, it's the most important thing. We already have great coaches and players, and now we have people who are interested in the sport – they want to play. But access is everything. They need access to courts, indoor courts, so they can play all year long. I think having that access is going to change a lot of things in the Canadian tennis landscape.

– Félix Auger-Aliassime



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**Tennis Canada's  
Municipal Tennis  
Facilities Strategy &  
Partnership Framework**



# Who are Canada's tennis players?

- + **Tennis is gender-balanced.**  
Equally represented across all genders.
- + **Tennis is a sport for life.**  
Participants represented from ages 4 to 94.
- + **Tennis is popular among New Canadians.**  
26% of tennis players were born outside of Canada.

# Why do Canadians play tennis?

- + To **get active**. Tennis can be played at any age and it is easy to get started.
- + To **live longer**. Research shows that tennis can extend your life expectancy.
- + To **have fun while staying safe**. Tennis is a low-injury sport compared to other popular sports.

# Tennis Canada's strategy to achieve affordable and accessible year-round recreation

- 1

Alignment with national sport and recreation policies **to get every Canadian active**.
- 2

**Flexible operating and ownership models** to meet the needs of all municipalities.
- 3

**Making the best use of space** through multi-sport and multi-functional facilities.
- 4

**Tools & resources** to help municipalities every step of the way.
- 5

**Supporting municipalities** so Canadians can play tennis in any community, any time of the year.

# A year-round four-court facility can...



Create a **variety of new jobs**



Provide a community of **50,000 access to year-round physical activity**



**Run hundreds of programs** for kids, adults and seniors



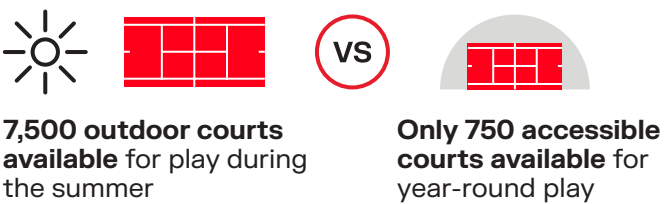
**Be built easily** by covering an existing bank of courts with an air-supported structure

# Tennis Canada is here to help

**Want to keep your community active year-round?**  
Tennis Canada has everything you need to make a year-round court facility a reality. To learn more about our program and access our planning tools, resources, and local contacts, reach out to us at [coveredcourts@tenniscanada.com](mailto:coveredcourts@tenniscanada.com)

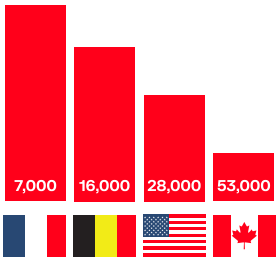


# Where do Canadians play tennis?



# That's only 1 year-round court for every 53,000 Canadians...

**How does Canada compare?**  
Canada ranks poorly when it comes to year-round courts.



# What are Canadians saying?



Independent market research was completed in August 2018 in conjunction with Charlton Insights.

# Benefits for investing in year-round tennis

- + **Tennis is affordable**; it only needs a racquet and a few balls
- + **Tennis is accessible**; inclusive of all abilities and ages
- + **Cost-efficient and flexible** infrastructure options
- + **Courts returned to free public** use in the summer
- + **Multi-sport and multi-functional** facility design
- + **Generate a positive** net revenue
- + **Create new full and** part-time jobs
- + **Grow local** sport tourism
- + **Provide education**, coach certification & volunteering opportunities
- + **Increase the physical, mental & social** well-being of residents





**Payton Nicol**

Head Coach

Dalhousie Tennis Club

August 18, 2025

**Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee**

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposal to establish an indoor seasonal tennis dome at Gorsebrook Park, to be operated by Headstart Tennis. As Head Coach of the Dalhousie Tennis Club, I believe this project would provide an incredible benefit to both the university community and the wider Halifax region.

At Dalhousie, our tennis program currently consists of 24 student-athletes. However, each year, our tryouts attract more than 50 students eager to participate and play, but because of the limited availability of nearby indoor facilities, we are forced to turn away many interested players and cannot run as many practices as we would like. Currently, our training requires commuting to Bedford or Fairview, which presents barriers for many students who rely on public transportation or active transportation.

A dome at Gorsebrook Park would transform this reality. Placing year-round courts in the heart of the Peninsula would allow students and community members to walk, bike, or bus to practices and matches. This accessibility would enable us to expand participation, run more regular practices, and open the sport to a wider group of students who are currently excluded due to logistical challenges.

The benefits of the indoor dome would extend well beyond our team. The facility would serve universities, schools, and community members across the Peninsula, creating an inclusive and central hub for tennis. It would foster youth programming, support lifelong participation, and provide Halifax with much-needed indoor tennis infrastructure. More broadly, it represents an important investment in health, recreation, and community engagement for our city.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the Committee to approve the proposal for an indoor seasonal tennis dome at Gorsebrook Park. I am confident that this project will deliver significant and lasting benefits to Dalhousie students and to the Halifax community.

Sincerely,

Payton Nicol

Head Coach

Dalhousie Tennis Club