



MOTION on NOTICE

Creating a Vancouver Racquet Centre for Tennis & Pickleball

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Jensen

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver currently has no indoor public tennis courts and the lowest available indoor racquet courts in the region, resulting in thousands of residents travelling to neighbouring municipalities such as Richmond, Burnaby, and Surrey to access suitable facilities;
2. The Vancouver Tennis Society (VTS) and the Vancouver Pickleball Association (VPA) have presented a joint proposal update to the Vancouver Park Board for the creation of the *Vancouver Racquet Centre*, a covered multi-sport facility designed to address the city's shortage of year-round public tennis and pickleball courts;
3. The proposed Vancouver Racquet Centre would be fully financed, constructed, and operated by the VTS and VPA, with no financial or operational risk to the Vancouver Park Board or the City of Vancouver, and would deliver a high-quality, community-serving asset without the use of taxpayer funds;
4. The proposal outlines covered courts which would accommodate eight (8) tennis courts and twelve to sixteen (12–16) pickleball courts, featuring year-round public booking opportunities, inclusive programming, and capacity for hosting regional and provincial tournaments; and
5. Confirmation of a suitable land parcel is necessary to advance funding commitments and allow VTS and VPA to proceed with design, due diligence, and community engagement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to engage with the Vancouver Tennis Society (VTS) and Vancouver Pickleball Association (VPA) to review the *Vancouver Raquet Centre* proposal and identify a suitable location; and
- B. THAT staff report back to the Board with findings, recommendations, and next-step options upon completion of the site due diligence process.