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City moving forward with new plan for indoor tennis in Kelowna

The City of Kelowna is moving forward with a new delivery plan for the indoor tennis facility at Mission Recreation Park after terminating its agreement with Tennis Clubs of Canada (TCC).

"Our focus is on moving this project forward responsibly as the need for more year-round tennis opportunities in Kelowna has not changed," said Doug Nicholas, City of Kelowna Sport and Event Services Manager. "The work completed so far gives us a strong foundation to build on as we move into the next phase."

The project was structured as a partnership with TCC, a national operator of indoor tennis facilities. TCC was responsible for capital investment and construction of the Kelowna project, ultimately not meeting their obligations under the agreement. The City remains committed to the successful completion of the project and continuing to fulfill obligations required to proceed.

"Investing in sport and recreation opportunities is a priority for the City," said Nicholas. "This project sets out to help meet the growing demand for year-round tennis in Kelowna and our next steps will continue to be guided by the vision of delivering an indoor tennis facility at Mission Recreation Park."

The City is seeking a new partner with the experience and investment capacity to deliver the five-court facility. A competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to identify the right partner will be initiated in the coming weeks, with the intent of completing the outdoor courts in 2027 and advancing the dome construction based on the outcome of the RFP.

The relationship between the City and Tennis Canada – the national non-profit sport association for tennis and project grant funding partner – remains strong with the grant from Tennis Canada and Rogers's Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program still in place.

Staff are currently reviewing the work completed to date and addressing outstanding obligations. Further updates on the partner-selection process, project timing and future programming will be provided as work moves ahead.

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