



Ancaster, February 1, 2018

Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Members of Council
c/o Ms. Rose Caterini, City Clerk
71 Main Street West, 1st Floor
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Re: Ancaster Tennis Club, Dome Project

My name is Mathieu Koevoets and I am the President of the Ancaster Tennis Club, with a 2017 club membership of 630, of which 32% are Juniors.

Our goal is to increase the Junior membership and to provide all year tennis for all of our members. Therefore, we are planning to install an air-supported structure (Dome/ Bubble) over the five hard surface courts located on City owned lands in Village Green Park behind the Ancaster Library.

It has been clear to us from the start that a winter tennis facility in Village Green Park would not only be important and beneficial for Ancaster tennis players, but also for those living across the whole western portion of the City, including Flamborough, Dundas, Waterdown and Greensville.

This view has been reinforced by the daily inquiries we receive from Hamilton area citizens, who play at other summer clubs, asking when the Dome will be ready for playing tennis.

There are only 6 indoor courts in the Greater Hamilton Area, 2 of which are at the Lada Tennis club in Ancaster (private) and 4 at the Rosedale Tennis club in Gage Park. The Greater Hamilton Area has a population of 550,000 with 6 indoor tennis courts while our neighbour, the City of Burlington with a population of 195,000, has 18 indoor tennis courts.

As tennis grows in Canada, the use of Domes over courts on Municipally owned lands makes good economic sense. The need for exercise and the need to develop players, especially Juniors is a 12 month a year project. We must provide the most economical means possible to fill this need locally, and we at ATC have that in our sight for 2018-2019.

We have had several meetings with Councillor Lloyd Ferguson and Senior staff and we understand that the City has no capital nor operating funds in this year's budget for this project.

We have applied for a Trillium Grant and we are in the process of fundraising and our members have already contributed \$64,000 in the form of loans.

We hereby ask, not only for your support for this project since it will serve the Greater Hamilton Area, but also for financial assistance to make this winter tennis Dome project a reality.

Detailed information will be provided at a later date when staff submit their report to Committee and Council.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathieu Koevoets', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mathieu Koevoets, President Ancaster Tennis Club.

cc Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

Mathieu Koevoets, P.Eng