



OKOTOKS PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS CENTRE UPDATE

Issue

An update on the design and funding for the development of the Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre is presented to Council for information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre design and funding report be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

A development permit for phase one (1) of the Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre (OKPTC) was issued on December 19, 2024 with conditions that have now been met. This project, #302 - Pickleball and Tennis Facility, was approved by Council in the 2023 multi-year capital budget. This project is a public-private partnership with an agreement to develop and operate under a not-for-profit society, the OKPTC. The project is planned to be constructed in two (2) phases, with phase one (1) focused on the indoor facility and phase two (2), the outdoor courts. Construction for phase one (1) is planned to commence in April 2025.

Design

The facility features a modern and sleek architectural style, including a combination of glass and metal elements, providing a contemporary look. The design also incorporates sustainable materials, solar-readiness, and other energy-efficient features to minimize environmental impacts. Additionally, the landscaping around the facility is designed to enhance the aesthetic appeal and provide a welcoming atmosphere for visitors. The indoor component features 12 pickleball courts and one (1) tennis court (see attached design plans).

Funding

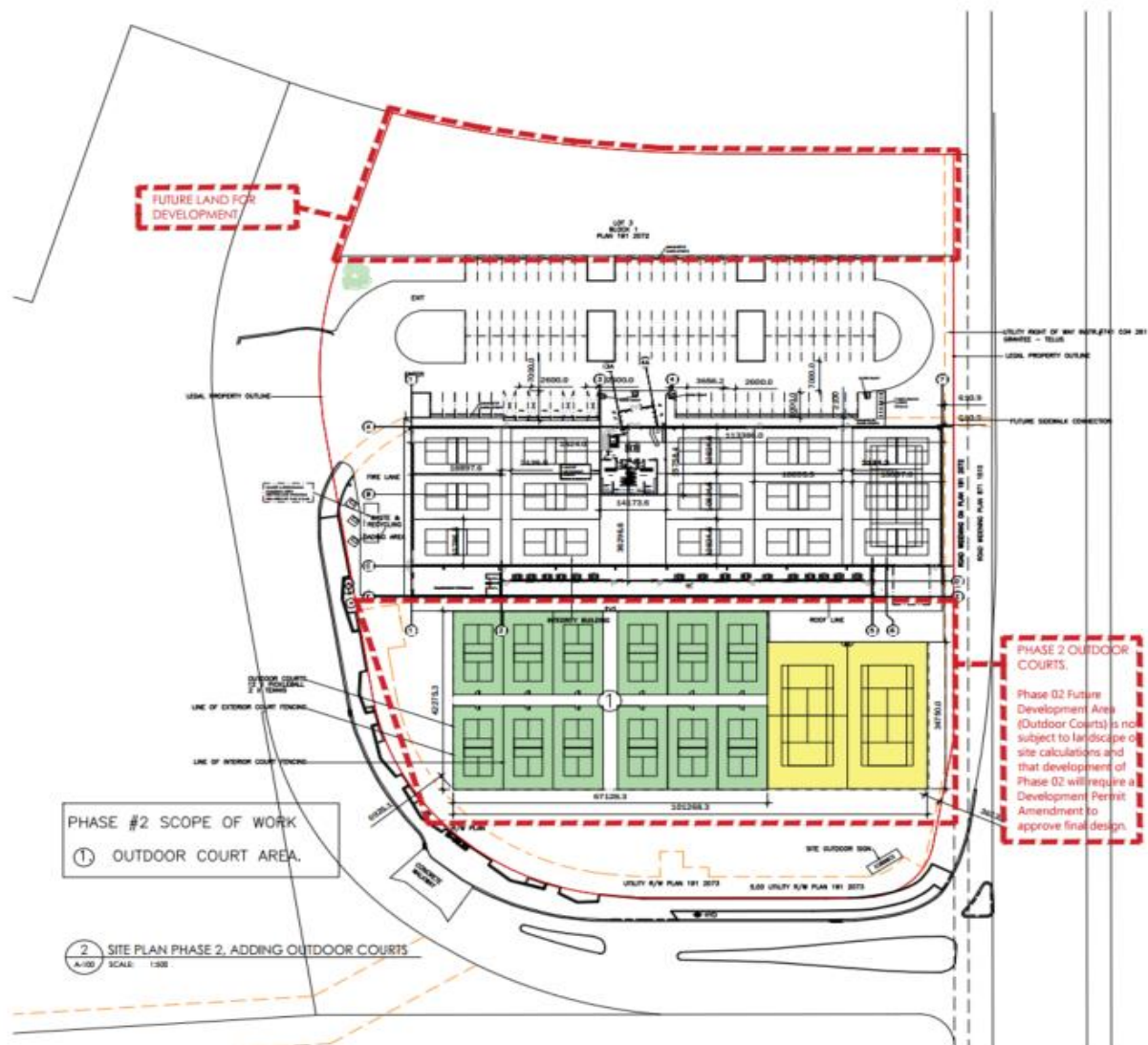
Further to the update provided to Council on December 9, 2024, the application for funding from the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), submitted by the Okotoks Pickleball Club in partnership with the OKPTC, has been successful in the amount of \$1.0M. This funding is instrumental for development of phase one (1) of the Centre which will focus on the indoor component. Further funding opportunities will be sought to support the development of phase two (2).

An updated summary of funding is provided below.

Description	Amount (in millions)
Town of Okotoks, capital project #302 - Pickleball & Tennis Facility	\$2.0
Town of Okotoks, capital project #214 - Community Campus site servicing	\$1.6
Private & Corporate Donations	\$1.04
Grant: Calgary Foundation Doc Seaman	\$0.1
Grant: Community Facility Enhancement Fund	\$1.0
Total	\$5.74

Site Plan

The north end of the site will be parking (adjacent to future development to the north), the centre will be the indoor facility (Phase one (1)), and the south end will see development of the outdoor courts (Phase two (2)).



Strategic Plan Goals

<input type="checkbox"/>	Responsibly Managed Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrated Environmental Leadership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Local Economy		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Culture & Community Health

Equity/Diversity/Inclusivity Impacts and Strategy

Item five (5) from the terms of reference in the agreement executed with the Centre focusses on financial accessibility of users, seeing that a combination of free, low cost, and paid recreation options are offered. Further included in the agreement is a clause stating that the development of the facility must take into consideration physical accessibility for both participants and spectators.

Environmental Impacts

Siting of the facility adjacent to schools, Meadowridge, Holy Trinity Academy, and the future high school for Foothills School Division provides walkable access for a large number of youth. The facility is being designed to be solar ready.

Community Engagement Strategy

A news release was provided on April 8, 2025 to announce the successful receipt of the provincial Community Facility Enhancement Fund Large grant stream of \$1.0M.

This OKPTC supports priorities 15 and 17 from the Recreation Parks and Leisure Master Plan 2023 Update. The community engagement strategy utilized in the development of the Recreation Parks and Leisure Master Plan demonstrates a commitment to inclusive and participatory planning. A range of methods were employed (including stakeholder meetings, public workshops, open houses, surveys and questionnaires, focus groups, pop-up events, and information booths) to gather input and ensure ongoing involvement. The resulting plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of the community.

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

This report is provided for information. This report highlights how a group of committed individuals in the community can work together to create new amenities for the community with reduced taxpayer commitment. My thanks to the team who was also successful in landing the \$1.0M Community Facility Enhancement Fund grant.

Attachment(s)

1. OKPTC - DP Elevations

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