



OKOTOKS PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS CENTRE UPDATE

Issue

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

Motion Proposed by Administration

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

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

This project is a public-private partnership with an agreement to develop and operate under a not-for-profit society, the Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre (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 nearing completion with a tentative opening in June this year.

Further to the update provided to Council on April 14, 2025, the application for funding from the Community Initiatives Grant, submitted by the Okotoks Pickleball Club in partnership with the OKPTC, has been successful in the amount of \$1.5M. This funding has been 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). The total cost of the project including phase 2 and the land is currently estimated at \$7.8M.

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
Grant: Community Initiatives Program*	\$1.5
Total	\$7.24

* Municipalities are ineligible to apply for these grants

The Town of Okotoks has played an important role in making this Centre a reality and will be encouraging pickleball enthusiasts looking for indoor play to participate in the new Centre. Phase 1 will offer 12 indoor pickleball and 1 indoor tennis court. The new Centre will offer a combination of drop-in, member and non-member play opportunities, suitable for all levels of play, from beginner to advanced.

Pickleball play previously offered indoors at the Okotoks Recreation Centre and Viking Rentals Centre will be discontinued to allow for other priority programs requiring indoor space.

The outdoor courts at Bob Anderson Courts, 10 Wilson St., will continue to offer pickleball drop-in and court bookings in 2026. Once Phase 2 at the new Centre is open, providing 12 outdoor pickleball and 2 outdoor tennis courts, court use at the Bob Anderson Courts may be re-evaluated.

Strategic Plan Goals

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

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

Content will be added to Okotoks.ca to share the status of the Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre and also provide direction to the facility’s web page for additional information.

Alternatives for Consideration

n/a

CAO Comments

The Town’s contribution—through land provision, site servicing, and capital investment—has enabled the project to proceed in a financially responsible manner while leveraging substantial external funding and community support. This approach aligns with Council’s

strategic direction to pursue innovative partnership models to deliver community amenities that would not otherwise be achievable through traditional municipal funding alone. Administration will continue to support the partnership and explore additional funding opportunities to advance Phase Two of the project, consistent with Council direction and within approved financial frameworks. Future updates will be brought forward as the project transitions from construction to operations.

Attachment(s)

1. April 14, 2025 Pickleball and Tennis Centre report to Council

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