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I want to address a common misconception regarding the indoor tennis proposal: that GBRI should simply form a private club.

Tennis Canada has made it clear that the most viable model is community driven and supported by municipalities. Building a private club would require significant upfront capital, and the cost of land alone makes a private approach difficult. This approach would then limit access to many of the public who are already shut out of the many private ski and golf clubs in the area.

The GBRI proposal also aligns with the Town's 2021 Leisure Activities Plan, which prioritizes accessible indoor recreation for all residents, not just those who can pay for a private membership. The point of the Initiative is to provide access to year-round (indoor) recreation to the broader public. And it can be achieved through a financially sustainable model.

I encourage Council to move forward with this public-first approach and take the next step by selecting the right site!

Sincerely,
Gillian Kern
Town of Blue Mountains resident