## Appeal for Indoor Tennis Facilities – Town of Blue Mountains

To: Town of Blue Mountains Council

Date: May 21, 2025

I recently attended the meeting regarding 130 King St. West as a possible location for indoor tennis. There was a large amount of pushback about this potential site, but no discussion about the merits of having a year-round recreational facility and filling a much-needed gap in recreational infrastructure

The 'not in my backyard' mentality overlooked the fact that the majority of those present were indeed tennis players.

I would hope that priority will still be given to addressing this need, even though 130 King St. West may not be a viable option.

I was personally impressed with the (previous) presentation of the Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative and feel that they are on the right track. This is a model that has been successfully utilized in other towns of similar size, many with municipal support.

The Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative is not a corporate entity or a private club, but a coalition of like minded residents of the Town of Blue Mountains, working towards a common goal.

I ask that the Town of Blue Mountains continue to work with this group, and to keep pace with what so many other towns have to offer. If the land can be found, there seems to be no legitimate argument against moving forward. I am 68 years old, and so the sooner the better!

Thank you for your consideration,

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