

# Capital Region Tennis Association

**Board Meeting, May 22nd, 5:00 P. M.**

**Prospect Street, Fredericton**

**Attendees:** Bill Johnson; Frank Goddard; Andrew Rouse; Ruth Mullin; David Clark;  
Tim Smith

**Regrets:** Debbie Keeler; David Piers

The following were the key points from the discussion:

1. We are reviewing 3 options: Coliseum, New Maryland, South Side Option.
2. We have received a process letter for approaching the city council from Michelle Horncastle.
3. \$650,000 would be the cost of a new bubble. It is unclear as to what the cost would be to use the old bubble. Let's approach Brent Howe about what would be involved in the inspection the current bubble? Could it be tested to see what life it has left? Cost to do so?
4. New Maryland is still interested in pursuing a facility.
5. City of Fredericton wants to see a concept of the bubble. - Frank will get a picture of the old bubble to show to the city.
6. Presentation committee and building committees are intact. A fundraising committee is needed to work the telephones to see how much of the tennis community is willing to contribute – David Piers got commitments of roughly \$125,000.
7. To gauge the level of interest in the community, we should raise funds of \$250,000 – 400,000 to move forward.
8. What are the operating costs at a worst-case scenario? \$75,000/year – could raise that from court fees and lesson programs.
9. We can't donate to the city and receive a tax receipt. We'd have to apply to Tennis Canada or apply for our own tax receipt.
10. If we can get the city to commit to helping us with operating costs, if we can generate money annually, that could go toward a mortgage.
11. Question: Can we put a blurb on the website to generate interest in this indoor facility? Response: I can add these minutes and any other committee minutes on the website.
12. Is it viable to create a private facility and get the city to back the note, then pay the taxes and mortgage on the facility? We still talk to the city about land and tying our structure to one of their's to cap into their amenities.
13. We need the city to agree to heat it and not charge us property taxes. If we are not spending all of our money on operating costs, we'd be able to pay the mortgage.
14. If it's a private facility, we could try to get a corporate sponsor.

15. We should not let this upcoming opportunity to meet with the city pass, to clarify the heating and taxes issues; we'll have a better idea of our ongoing costs. We are not ready with a final presentation to the city in 3 week's time but we should probably go to the city with 3 scenarios.
16. Could we pursue an idea of selling shares?
17. Provide 2 costings – one with the old bubble and one with a new bubble. What is the cost for installation, floor, etc.?
18. From this groups point of view, we need to cost 2 options for the bubble and go to the meeting with the city (committee planning meeting should be informal). We can't put together a comprehensive package but we can propose a concept. This will give us an idea of whether it's feasible for us to proceed.
19. Sandy McDonald and Dave Piers are good candidates for the fund-raising committee.
20. If we can get major contributors to get us up to \$100,000-200,000 we need another 75-120 people to commit to \$500-\$1000 donations.

**Action items:**

- Is this a good idea – put forth to the CRTA executive.
- Writing to City Clerk to request the opportunity to address Members of the City Council to deliver a high-level presentation of our project.
- Dave will set up a follow-up call for late next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Minutes recorded by Ruth