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Mayor Yvonne Hamlin and Members of Council
Town of Collingwood
97 Hurontario Street
Collingwood, ON L9Y 1G8

Subject: Letter of Support – Request for Development Charges Exemption for Seasonal Dome at 255 Osler Bluff Road

Dear Mayor Hamlin and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Collingwood Tennis Club, a not-for-profit organisation that has served the local tennis community for over 13 years, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposal by the Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative and private landowner Michael Thomson to establish a seasonal indoor tennis facility at 255 Osler Bluff Road.

For many years, our club has advocated for a true year-round home for tennis in Collingwood. At present, we operate without a permanent base—renting outdoor courts scattered across town—which makes it extremely difficult to build a cohesive community, run consistent youth and seniors programmes, or offer reliable year-round play.

We even explored the possibility of converting the forthcoming Town outdoor courts at Wilson-Sheffield Park into a seasonal facility. However, Town staff advised that this was not feasible due to location, infrastructure, and operational constraints.

That reality leaves the proposed project at Osler Bluff Road as the only viable opportunity—now and for the foreseeable future—for Collingwood to gain a dedicated, accessible, year-round tennis facility.

What makes this proposal so compelling is that it requires no public funding, relies on private investment, and aligns perfectly with the Town’s strategic priorities around health, wellness, and supporting community-driven recreation.

As a club deeply rooted in this community, we view this not just as a tennis project, but as a transformative addition to Collingwood’s recreational landscape—a facility that would benefit youth, families, schools, and visitors alike. It would finally give our sport a true home where players of all ages and backgrounds can belong, grow, and thrive—all year long.

We respectfully urge Council to support this initiative by directing staff to explore an exemption for seasonal recreational structures in the Development Charges By-law.

Sincerely,
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Nicolette Hollander, President
Collingwood Tennis Club