

# Please add acrylic finish to park courts

I was excited to read your tennis court article (Niagara Advance, Oct. 24) and would like to whole-heartedly support Rosemary Goodwin's request of the Town and Parks and Rec for higher quality court resurfacing. As a newly full-time resident of Old Town I have really enjoyed this summer and fall reintroducing myself to the game of tennis - sneaking over to Rye Street and Garrison courts for some exercise and fun playing tennis with family and friends. And I thoroughly enjoyed them - even despite having to regularly retake points due to wonky balls resulting from the uneven surface, cracks in the court, and weeds/grass growing on the court. Upgrading the courts would most certainly be attractive to current and potential residents (including young families like ours!) alike - drawing additional folks into the town parks to make the most of the wonderful quality of life NOTL has to offer. The convenience of the courts is already very attractive for residents - but improving the surface will certainly make the courts that much more attractive by providing a proper and consistent bounce and courts that are easier on the body. I sincerely hope the town will consider Rosemary's request - and if so, look forward to

bringing out my little ones to learn to play on them

Robin Ridesic

## NOTL has potential to attract tennis tournaments

As any tennis enthusiast can tell you, the Memorial Park courts are at capacity.

Club-organized tennis is played from April until October and some nets are left up throughout the winter for use on milder days.

Our excellent Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club volunteers are working closely with the Town to plan for future needs.

To neglect adding acrylic final surfacing at Rye Park at this time would be a missed opportunity to build on the rapidly growing popularity of tennis in NOTL which has the potential to attract tournaments such as the successful Niagara Regional Seniors championship held last year.

There can be no question that for active seniors tennis is an attraction which can be built on to bring more people into our town both as visitors and homeowners.

I could go on but I hope you can see how important is the little extra cost of finishing the Rye Park courts. We hope the Town will recognise this and approve the acrylic finishing to help make NOTL even more a destination for

citizens who want to have a healthy life style and be less of a burden on the health system while contributing to the local economy.

As an active senior, I hope to have many more happy tennis years ahead of me.

Alan Briston

## Painted courts might mean more kids will play

Dear council of Niagara-on-the-Lake:

My name is Emira Mesihovic and I am 10 years old and tennis is my favorite sport of all time.

I am writing this letter because I feel that the tennis courts of NOTL should be painted (with the acrylic finish). My reasons why they should be painted are because many times I play on the courts I hurt my legs and skin my knees on the hard and rough rocky surface.

Also the ball always bounces weird and gets dirty and filthy very quickly.

There are not many kids in the neighborhood that I play with. If the courts get painted maybe more kids will come to the courts and I will have more people to play with.

Anyway, these are the reasons why I think the courts in Niagara should be painted.

Emira Mesihovic