

NOTL tennis courts to be resurfaced

Niagara-On-The-Lake Town Crier

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE – Public tennis courts around town will soon be getting some finishing touches.

At Monday night's council meeting, councillors agreed to include the cost of providing an acrylic surface to all public tennis courts once the existing open tennis courts within town have received a new asphalt surface. While the original motion had council considering to include the cost in future budgets, an amendment by Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr removed the words "considers" and "future", in an effort to make it more of a reality.

The other councillors were on board.

"I never realized so many people were interested in the sport of tennis in this town," said Coun. Maria Bau Coote of the outpouring of support for the acrylic coating she received since the idea was first proposed by resident Rosemary Goodwin.

The total cost of placing an acrylic surface on each of the town's open courts is estimated to be \$56,000.

Lord Mayor Dave Eke said more than just making residents happy, there is an actual business case for doing the surfacing.

"It protects an asset and extends its lifespan," he said, in addition to the many benefits it has for tennis players.