

Official opening of tennis club courts Saturday

➤ New court surface is pleasing members, club president says

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Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club members have been grateful for the good weather recently—it has allowed them to briefly try out their new

courts.

The resurfacing was finished Friday, says club president Marilyn Francis, and the gates unlocked for the season, giving a few groups an opportunity to try it out.

“We’re getting good comments from members, great feedback from those who have tried them,” says Francis.

“We’re excited to finally have some good weather, and to be able to get out on the courts and start playing.”

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tennis club were successful in obtaining a \$70,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant in the summer of 2013 towards the resurfacing of the Memorial Park courts. The remaining project costs of \$115,000 were contributed by the Town and the club.

“With the help of Ontario Trillium Foundation funding, our project will provide residents in our community with an affordable, quality tennis facility that can be enjoyed for many years to come,” said

Francis.

The project involved the replacement of synthetic grass courts with more cost effective soft asphalt courts; replacement of perimeter fencing; and construction of a concrete walkway to improve accessibility to the courts and to the adjacent pavilion.

There are still some landscaping and construction touches to be completed, but they are expected to be completed for the official opening of the new courts Saturday at 3 p.m.

There will be a brief program, a plaque presentation and a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening.

The NOTL Tennis Club is a community, not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization focused on enhancing the well-being and fitness of young and old with an affordable first-class facility and on providing recreational tennis in a welcoming social environment.

For more information about its tennis programs visit www.niagaratennis-club.com