

\$90K upgrade approved for tennis courts before Canada Summer Games

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Niagara-on-the-Lake's tennis courts are getting an upgrade, just in time for the Canada Summer Games in 2022.

For the past few months the tennis club has been working with the Canada Games organizers and the Town of NOTL to determine the upgrades that will be necessary to host the 2022 Canada Games tennis event.

Town council last week gave final approval for enhancements to the six courts at Memorial Park.

Barry Wright, CEO of the Canada Summer Games, told councilors the group is ready to partner with the town to provide upgrades to facilities for the summer games during a committee of the whole meeting in June.

So far, \$90,000 has been made available to pay for the upgrades, with \$40,000 from the games committee and

\$50,000 from the town, according to the agreement made between the two parties.

"There will be long-lasting improvements to the tennis courts. I see this as a little bit of seed money to get us to a bigger synergistic result, and I thank you for that," Lord Mayor Betty Disero told council.

The \$50,000 amount includes resurfacing the four original courts to match the two new courts (all of the courts will be blue on green), night lighting for the two new courts, refinishing and painting the pavillion near the courts and improving parking facilities.

The upgrades will begin this fall and are expected to be completed by spring 2022, in time for the games in August.

"The club is honoured to be hosting such a prestigious event and to be the recipient of such significant legacy benefits," the message said.