

September 15, 2013



Mayor & Council
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing representing a group of local tennis enthusiasts who would like there to be consideration given to tennis courts as part of the 2014 budget process.

I have lived all my life in Fort Frances and have been able to enjoy playing the game of tennis most of the years that I have been here. As you know, the tennis courts that were adjacent to the Memorial Sports Centre for many years were in disrepair and were declared redundant with the planning of the new library.

Tennis is a lifelong sport that appeals to a wide range of ages. I feel that it is a community service that Fort Frances no longer offers its citizens that many other, much smaller communities in North Western Ontario and around the world do. When one considers how we attract new people to our community, including doctors, the first things mentioned are the waterfront walking path, gorgeous lake, two ice surfaces, new schools, new library, two golf courses nearby, and other wonderful attributes of our town. It would be great if we would be able to also boast about our new tennis courts to further attract outsiders.

New courts would not only be a selling feature to outsiders but would also be a tremendous benefit to our school programs who would be able to offer it through physical education. I recall for many years when the high school would bus classes to our courts as a component of their program. I also recall when the summer program kids with the Town would benefit from time on the tennis courts as I volunteered in a coaching/teaching capacity. I believe the Town and the Rainy River District School Board were at one time engaged in a joint effort to pursue building tennis courts.

I am requesting that you give consideration to new tennis courts as part of your imminent budget process.

Sincerely,

Al Christiansen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Christiansen', written over a horizontal yellow line.