## MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Kingston Tennis Club

November 14, 2012 at 7:30pm at Ongwanada, 191 Portsmouth Ave, Kingston.

**1. Purpose of the Meeting** - to vote on the motion tabled at the AGM of October 18, 2012.

The motion is: Demolish the existing clubhouse structure in order to construct an additional tennis court between Court 1 and Court 7; the new clubhouse is to be built within the space currently occupied by the front lawn adjacent to Court 3.

## 2. Opening Remarks - Igor Kozin

Overview of the clubhouse/infrastructure project.

Michael Preston, architectural technologist, has agreed to draw up initial plans for the new clubhouse, pro bono.

## Rationale behind the project:

Existing clubhouse was built in 1928 as a seasonal structure; it is not insulated and is deteriorating. Maintenance will become more expensive as time passes. For example, it needs a new roof; a water line was replaced in the spring; labour has been volunteered to paint the deck and interior/exterior surfaces.

#### We are considering three options:

## Option 1: Sell the property and move elsewhere

The KTC property is 1.4 acres. The majority of feedback received from members is to stay in the present downtown location. If we did move, we would first have to find a new property and sell the existing property. Estimates of the value of our property is \$2 million (if redevelopment is not blocked by neighbours). A sample cost to buy commercial land is \$2 million for 4 acres at Princess & Sydenham Rd (beside the CAA building). Another location on Bath Rd near No Frills would cost \$800,000.

# Option 2: Keep our present location and upgrade the existing clubhouse, in situ

Ten years ago, a building inspection noted shortcomings at that time that are now worse. The back of the clubhouse has caved in. The roof is leaking. Windows are insecure. Hole in the floor of the back storage area. Supporting pillars are rotting and were partially replaced a few years ago.

If an eighth court were built on the lawn area, there would be no passage to access the courts that would not disrupt players. It also leaves no space for junior summer camps.

## Option 3: Demolish and rebuild the clubhouse elsewhere on the property

Fronting on Napier Street, the new clubhouse would shield some noise from the neighbours. We could also include lighting for Courts 2 & 3 as part of the project.

#### 3. Discussion/Questions from the floor

The project cost is anticipated to be between \$500,000-750,000, as estimated by Eric Davies and Mark Nelligan.

We are projecting building a 4,000 square foot clubhouse.

Wren Montgomery commented that in Vancouver some buildings from the 1920s & 1930s are gutted and rebuilt at approximately half the cost of building them from scratch.

Karl Montgomery spoke with Bruce Downey, architect, regarding possible heritage classification.

## Financing:

There would be no increase in membership fees to finance the project.

We can borrow over 25 years at 4% through an Ontario program.

Other possible sources of funds are a grant from the Trillium Foundation (max. is \$75,000 from them).

If we are efficient in the future, next year we will be debt-free and can save about \$100,000 prior to construction starting. \$70,000 contribution every year can be put towards debt financing, therefore, theoretically we could pay off \$500,000 in less than 10 years.

#### 4. Voting & Tabulation

Votes were tabulated by Ginette Blais & Isabelle Pollock.

There were a total of 111 votes cast, which included those cast at the meeting and votes cast in advance by email. The motion was carried, with 90 For, 20 Against, 1 Abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm. Approximately 40 people stayed for a walk-through of preliminary design plans by Taco Meuter. The infrastructure sub-committee is presently comprised of Igor Kozin, Taco Meuter, Doug Bowie, & Paula Loh. Other interested members are welcome to join.

A suggestion was made to issue a list of desirable aspects wanted for the clubhouse to the membership and have them prioritized for feedback.

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#### **APPENDIX 1: Members in Attendance**

- 1. Philip Quintin
- 2. Lars Thompson
- 3. Wren Montgomery
- 4. Karl Montgomery
- 5. David Stocks
- 6. Ginette Blais
- 7. Gina Gushue
- 8. Gord Hunter
- 9. Christine Scott
- 10. Anees Karmally
- 11. Rhonda Emmons
- 12. Lesley Furter
- 13. Rick Donaldson
- 14. Nancy Dyck
- 15. Elena Personova
- 16. Maggie Daicar
- 17. Elizabeth Hamacher
- 18. Tony Daicar
- 19. Mariana Silva
- 20. Vincent Carl Hamacher
- 21. [Name illegible]
- 22. Ruth Barrett
- 23. Peter Girard
- 24. Erling Armson
- 25. Gill Turnbull
- 26. Dora Nomikos
- 27. Daryl Tremain
- 28. Stephen Bonnycastle
- 29. Neil Neasmith
- 30. Mary Neasmith
- 31. Isabelle Pollock
- 32. Mel Wiebe
- 33. Pamela Walmsley
- 34. Sarah Barry
- 35. Kit Wykes
- 36. Mark Ready
- 37. Marie Ready

- 38. Derrick Dodgson
- 39. Peter Watson
- 40. Lorraine Watson
- 41. Virginia Gordon
- 42. Katherine Bennett
- 43. Lawrence Choy
- 44. Judith Davidson
- 45. Caroline Davies
- 46. Chris Doucet
- 47. Doug Bowie
- 48. Hugh Mosaheb
- 49. Ruth Mosaheb
- 50. Dilys Kamal
- 51. Allan Johnston
- 52. Winn Macpherson
- 53. Claire Tremblay
- 54. Paula Loh
- 55. Igor Kozin
- 56. Taco Meuter
- 57. Bud Nelson
- 58. Tony Dimnik (guest)
- 59. Jean Côté
- 60. Bob Goddard