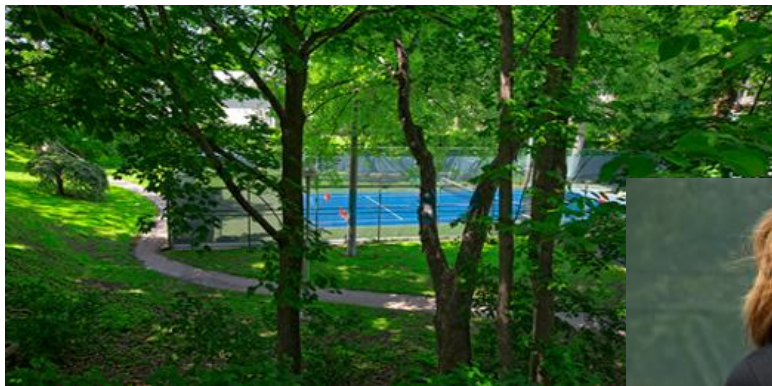




# Lytton Park Tennis Court Conversion

## PROPOSAL

NT Tennis, a thriving family club at Lytton Park, seeks to convert one under-used City croquet green into two new clay tennis courts to meet growing community demand.



# City of Toronto 2019 Parks and Rec Goals:

## Convert ‘under-used’ facilities to improve access

Parks and Rec Master Plan:	NT Tennis Proposal
Renew/ upgrade existing facilities	Two new tennis courts to replace one of two under-utilized croquet greens
City recommends: 20 new/converted tennis courts 0 new lawn bowl/croquet greens	Two new tennis courts Convert from two to one croquet greens
Address growth / public demand	Two new tennis courts add capacity for extra 4-8 players at a time  150 potential new members over a season, serving area families, reducing annual waitlists  Current croquet club serves dwindling membership of only 30



### Recommendations – Tennis and Pickleball Courts

- #31. Identify and evaluate under-utilized public courts in well-served areas for conversion to pickleball, club tennis or multi-use sport courts. Prioritize the establishment of pickleball courts in the short-term through re-lining projects based on demonstrated demand.





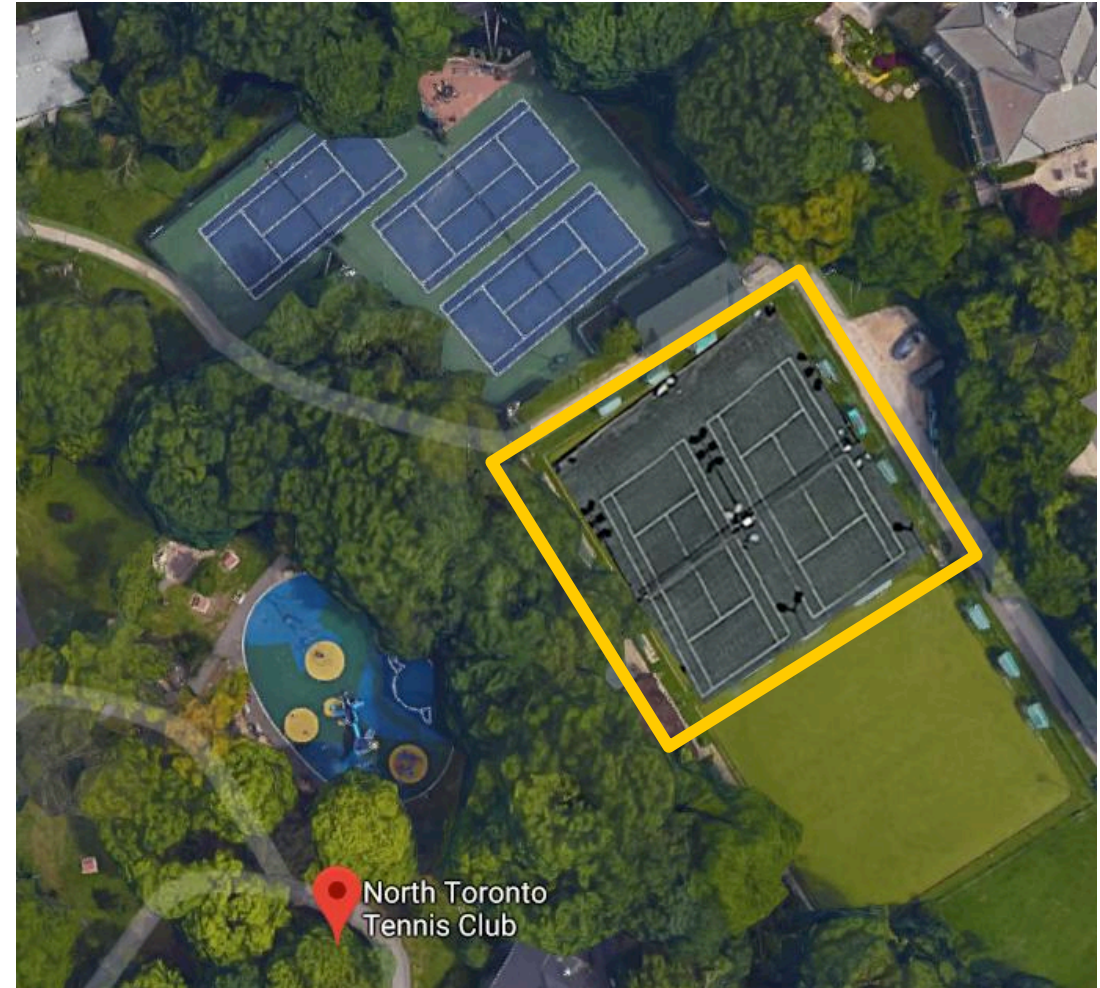
# Lytton Park Conversion

## Improved Public Access

- 2 new clay tennis courts replace one under utilized croquet green
- 4-8 additional players per time
- No cost to City (members funded)
- Enhanced access to families (allows 150 extra members over a season)

## Considerate of Community

- Open air courts / No bubble
- No evening lights
- Protects Idyllic Park, preserves one croquet court



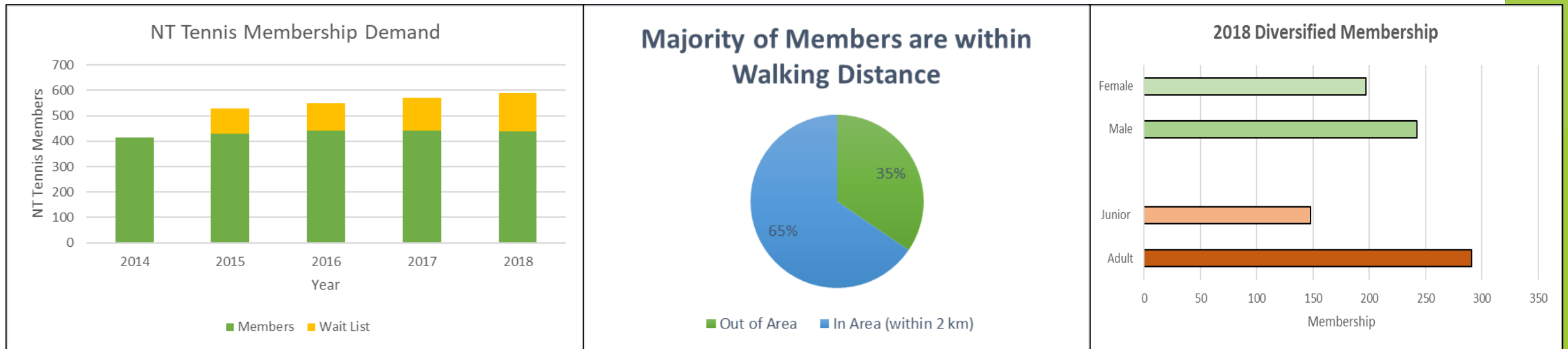
# NT Tennis Project Overview



- **PUBLIC DEMAND:** NT Tennis annual waiting lists turn away area families due to lack of space. Tennis Canada says the boom in popularity is nationwide - and growing.
- **EXISTING FACILITIES:** The City identified Lytton Park's two croquet greens (30 members) as 'under-utilized' making one of the greens ideal for conversion to ensure greater community use. The remaining croquet green will be preserved for the croquet club.
- **NO COST TO CITY:** 100% funded by NT Tennis members, adding value to City facilities.
- **SAFETY:** Park safety enhanced as NT Tennis monitors courts spring-fall, morning to night.
- **CITY / COUNCILLOR ENDORSEMENT:** Parks and Recreation Dept supports NT Tennis' proposal, pending additional community consultation. Previous councillor also supports plan.
- **ENVIRONMENT:** Clay courts ensure environmentally safe drainage and don't require pesticides or lawn maintenance currently provided by City for croquet club.

# NT Tennis Club and Our Members

- Established 1936, currently serves 430 members of all ages.
- Family focused, with recreational, instructional and competitive programs for adults and juniors.
- Three courts, 7 days a week, Spring to Fall, free public access (non-members) on Sundays 4:30 pm to 10:30 pm.
- No parking lot required, most members cycle or are within walking distance.
- Capacity maxed, annual waiting lists turn away hundreds.
- Proposal for two clay courts adds capacity for 4-8 players per hour, extra 250 members over a season.



Growing Waiting Lists

Serves Neighbourhood Families

Junior, Adults, Seniors members



# NT Croquet Club (NTCC) Overview

- NTCC (Originally North Toronto Croquet & Lawn Bowling) established 1914.
- Current membership of 30.
- Dwindling participation, now only offers croquet.
- Open Wednesdays & Saturdays, select hours Tuesdays and Sundays.
- NTCC hosts 3 international tournaments, with some members ranked internationally.

## MISINFORMATION

Croquet president Jim Wright falsely claimed to City Parks & Environment Committee, July 12, 2018:

- NT Tennis plan at Lytton Park would see “*huge influx of people - 750 at once.*”
- Calls it “*destruction of green space*” that will “*irrevocable change a green park into a paved cement pad.*”

## CORRECTION

- 2 new clay tennis courts allow extra 4-8 players at any given time (150 new members over a season).
- Croquet courts are not “*green space*” but fenced off restricted lawns requiring costly City applications of pesticides, irrigation, aeration and maintenance.
- Proposed tennis courts are clay, ensuring environmentally sound drainage requiring no maintenance or chemicals..



## NT Tennis and Croquet Club Comparison

	NT Tennis	NT Tennis with +2 courts	NT Croquet Club
Members	430	+150	30
Players at once	6 to 12	10 to 20	6 to 12
Operating Hours Spring-Summer	7 days/week, 8 AM - 10:30 PM	7 days/week, 8 AM - 10:30 PM	Wednesday & Saturday, (select hours Tuesday & Sunday)
Accessible to Families	Clubhouse open 7 days/week	Clubhouse open 7 days/week	Greens restricted times, members only
Open to non-members	Yes (Sundays 4 PM - 10:30 PM)	Yes (Sundays 4 PM - 10:30 PM)	No
Demand / waitlists	Growing waitlists, hundreds turned away	Seasonal capacity of additional 150 (adults and children)	Steady decline, many croquet clubs have closed.
Cost to City	NT Tennis is responsible for maintenance	Members to fund new courts adding value to city park	City pays lawn care, fertilizers, maintenance
Parks & Recreation Master Plan	Tennis/Pickleball identified as growing, a priority	Staff endorse conversion of 'existing facilities' at Lytton Park	"Under-utilized" according to city staff report

NT Tennis plan opens access for families, community while preserving one historical croquet court



# NT Tennis - Affordable Community Recreation

NT Tennis membership fees have remained the same since 2014, offering relatively low-cost, healthy recreational activity for area families at prices below most area tennis facilities.

Annual Fees	NT Tennis 3 courts City of Toronto	Davisville Tennis Club 6 courts City of Toronto	Toronto Tennis City 5 Private courts
2018 Members	439 (146 members per court)	550 (91 members per court)	
Adults	\$140	\$140	\$1900
Juniors	\$60	\$70	-
Family (2 adult + 2 kids)	\$320		\$4125
Court Fees	\$0	\$0	\$25 - \$40 per time

NT Tennis offers summer camps and access for local children to learn and play, serving several nearby schools, including John Ross Robertson, Glenview, Lawrence Park, Havergal, St. Clements, Toronto French School, Allenby, John Fisher.

Summer Camp	NT Tennis	Davisville Tennis	Nike Tennis	Bayview Glen
Weeks Offered	11 weeks	9 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks
Fees	\$367 / week	\$425 / week	\$465 / week	\$688 / week