



News Release

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Popular tennis facility celebrates expansion with more courts, new name

North Vancouver, BC. After undergoing an extensive renovation, the North Shore's premier indoor tennis facility is set to celebrate with more courts and a new name. Formerly *Grant Connell Tennis Centre*, the newly renamed *North Vancouver Tennis Centre* has recently undergone an almost 25,000 square foot expansion with the addition of three new tennis courts, bringing the total to nine full-size courts. The expansion also includes a smaller children's court, two-level viewing area, expanded lobby, and meeting room. The facility design features extensive use of natural light through windows and translucent wall panels. Increased parking, new area street lighting, and restoration of the adjoining riparian (riverbank) area were also part of the project.

"Expansion of the North Vancouver Tennis Centre ensures that we will continue to meet the needs of all tennis players in our community," said North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton. "The funding model also ensures that expansion costs are recovered through user and program fees."

The expansion took 13 months to complete at a cost of \$4.6 million.

Adds Mayor Walton, "Renaming this facility to the North Vancouver Tennis Centre provides the opportunity to further promote it as a public facility, open to users of all ages and abilities. We would like to thank Grant for his contribution to tennis and its growing popularity in our community. We will be installing a plaque in his honour at the North Vancouver Tennis Centre in the near future."

The public are invited to attend the renovation celebration on Sunday, April 6 (2 pm – 3 pm), with demonstrations, and tours of the newly expanded tennis centre. Refreshments will be served.

About the North Vancouver Tennis Centre

Located at 280 Lloyd Avenue, the North Vancouver Tennis Centre (NVTC) is a public facility owned by the District of North Vancouver and operated by the North Vancouver Recreation Commission. It is the most active indoor tennis facility, both public and private, in BC and accommodates players of all ages and abilities, including children's, seniors, and wheelchair tennis.

In 2006, the North Vancouver Recreation Commission, on behalf of the District and City of North Vancouver, undertook a comprehensive study to assess current indoor recreation facilities and services and to identify future community needs. An Indoor Recreation Facility Plan was developed with the help of extensive public input. Included in the plan's recommendations was expansion of the North Vancouver Tennis Centre to accommodate the increased demand for court space.

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