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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department
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Issue: Cameron Redevelopment – Squash Courts

Dear Council,

I, along with other Cameron Recreation patrons, are excited about the proposed redevelopment at Cameron Recreation. As part of the redevelopment it is important to include at least two squash courts in the plans.

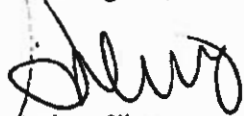
The spaces for squash in Burnaby are divided between Cameron Rec and Bonsor Rec. During prime evening and noon hours, the courts at both centres are very busy. Should Cameron not have any courts in the new centre, Bonsor would have to accommodate both sets of patrons which would make it impossible for many players to get court times.

I requested usage data from Cameron Rec centre and in an email - attached – Cameron's two courts service 30.8 people per day on average from beginning of Jan 2019 – end of Feb 2020. Assuming two courts and 29 people per day @ \$5 per person is more than \$50K in revenue for the pair of courts. The courts require minimal maintenance and no equipment. The courts are cost effective and a flexible use of space. During non peak times the courts can be used for many activities. As an example, Bonsor uses their courts for table tennis and I've seen yoga and other fitness activities in the space.

Squash courts service many patrons at Cameron, are inexpensive to maintain, generate revenue and are flexible use spaces.

Please ensure squash courts are included during the planning of the new centre.

Kind Regards,



Nelson Silva

Note:

The Draft Cameron Needs Assessment has noted that the current Squash Courts are utilized at 50% of their capacity. The needs assessment identified that 13.1% of respondents to the Survey participated in this service. This is the second lowest participation rate for an activity in the survey. The priorities identified in the North East Quadrant Survey identified that Aquatics, Fitness Centre (Weights and Cardio) and a multi activity gym are the most desired spaces. Consultation with the Community is still on going and opportunities for input on the design will be forthcoming.

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Subject: Request for Information - Squash Courts at Cameron Recreation Complex

Hello Mr. Silva,

In response to your request in the email below, staff at Cameron Recreation Complex have provided the daily average usage of the squash courts from January 2019 to the end of February 2020 (pre-Covid).

| Month | Daily Average Usage |
|---|---------------------|
| January 2019 | 33 |
| February 2019 | 35 |
| March 2019 | 35 |
| April 2019 | 31 |
| May 2019 | 28 |
| June 2019 | 24 |
| July 2019 | 21 |
| August 2019 *closed 6 days for shutdown | 17 |
| September 2019 | 25 |
| October 2019 | 32 |
| November 2019 | 36 |
| December 2019 | 32 |
| January 2020 | 38 |
| February 2020 | 45 |

432 TOTAL / 14 MONTHS.
= 30.8 PATRONS
PER DAY OVER
2 SQUASH COURTS

I hope that this is helpful.

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