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Thanks for your email.

Bob is our j.g.t.c. communications person and the current face of the club.
He communicates all messages, changes, schedules etc.
Bob has been "the" faithful servant to the club.
Allen has been most responsible recently for acquiring and dealing with the tennis camps, which have, in fact kept the club viable these last few years, as camps infused monies and junior programming, that the membership couldn't produce to keep the club open.

I have been lobbying for the club's continuing operations while participating on the Toronto Tennis liaison committee that was addressing and writing new tennis policy for community clubs across the city.

Were it not for sitting on that committee, and petitioning for a permit the last three seasons, we would not have acquired one.
We were all waiting to see what would happen when new policy went into effect.

According to the new tennis policies that went into effect 2018, James Gardens doesn't qualify financially, nor by the numbers of members, to name a few reasons, to acquire a permit.

Also and important, is the fact that the courts are in irreparable condition and do not meet the criteria for capital improvement-location, lack of water, emergency access, safety, isolated etc...

This is not new news.

The park has changed supervisors every year for the last 10 years.

The leadership team has done all they could to assist the club.
However,
The club does not have any remaining Capital nor the required membership.
Our Capital was used 22 years ago when we did the full reconstruction.
The membership at the time rose to approximately 250 people. Admirable, however it really needed to be about 400 annually with the majority being adults every year since.
Our club demographic has never been that.
Considerably senior by age and continues to become more senior by age.
Subsequent remaining capital offset yearly needs.

To that end, We have not raised fees in many many years because of the demographic of our own members.

(Also during the Ford Nation of 8 years, the park itself went into neglect and disrepair. The Mayor at the time, for his own security reasons didn't want anyone in the park, so the park and the courts were pretty much left unattended by the city.)

We have been talking about all of this for a number of years as the situation continued to deteriorate.

Again, This is not new news.

Members have complained about the courts for years and we've only been able to tell them the same thing." We do not have the money nor the membership to finance another reconstruct "

There comes a time when decisions just have to be made and they were.

Bob, Allen and I have attended meetings, had consultations Etc and still the decision remains the Same in cooperation with new city mandates.

The facility in 2019 will become
" a community facility" where anyone can play by putting up their racket.
...no monitors, programs, toilets, shed etc...
under city public rules which will be displayed

...and/or any public rates which will be displayed.

(Until such a time as the city shuts the entire facility down for safety reasons...anyone can play there in 2019.
No one knows how long that might be.)

So all are welcome to play there or choose a club of your choice.

Jane Anne Murray.