



Replacement Queen Elizabeth Park Tennis Practice Wall Proposal

Vancouver Tennis Society, January 2023

The Vancouver Tennis Society represents the public tennis player community in Vancouver with over 3,500 official and social members. VTS proposes the construction of a concrete tennis/sports practice wall at Queen Elizabeth Park Public Tennis Courts for construction in 2023.

Reasoning

The original tennis practice wall located on the east side of the Queen Elizabeth Park tennis complex is no longer available for use by tennis players, as confirmed by the Vancouver Park Board in the summer of 2023. The placement of 7 permanent pickleball courts makes any future use of the tennis practice wall unsafe. Additionally, such an arrangement is not agreeable for either the tennis or pickleball communities.

The Queen Elizabeth Park public tennis courts complex is one of the most popular (if not the most popular) locations for tennis play in Vancouver, having 16 courts in a central location. The 2 other locations with similar popularity, Stanley Park and Kitsilano Beach, have dedicated tennis practice walls, and it is our argument that Queen Elizabeth Park should be brought into alignment with these popular locations with similar infrastructure. This is especially so, considering that significant positive benefits of a practice wall were previously available at Queen Elizabeth Park, and are no longer available now.

The presence of a tennis practice wall at Queen Elizabeth Park would provide the following benefits to the public:

- Increase the **physical health** and well-being of the citizens of Vancouver. Seeing as no partner is required to play “against a wall,” this will increase the opportunity and possibility for people to try and to practice tennis.
- Increase **social activity** and encourage further participation. People often meet new tennis partners at tennis practice walls and organize pick-up games.
- Reducing sports injuries at public facilities. Tennis players will be able to sports-specifically warm up their bodies before playing on a full tennis court, thereby reducing the chance for injury.

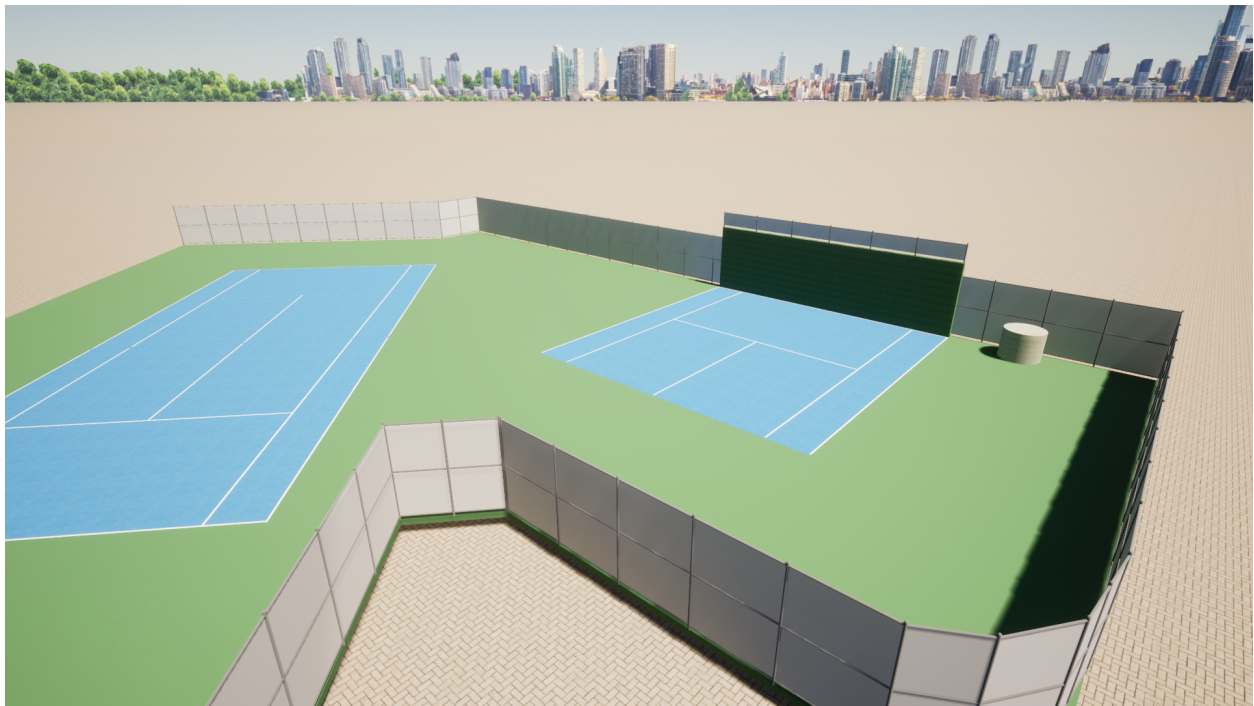
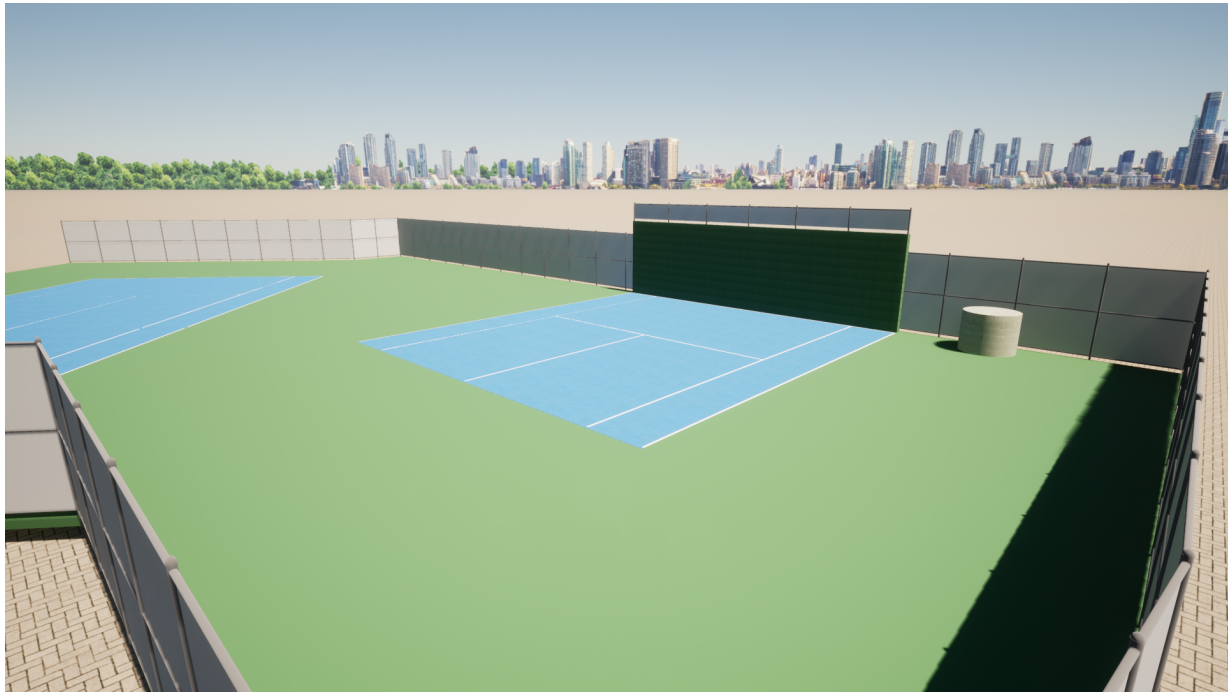
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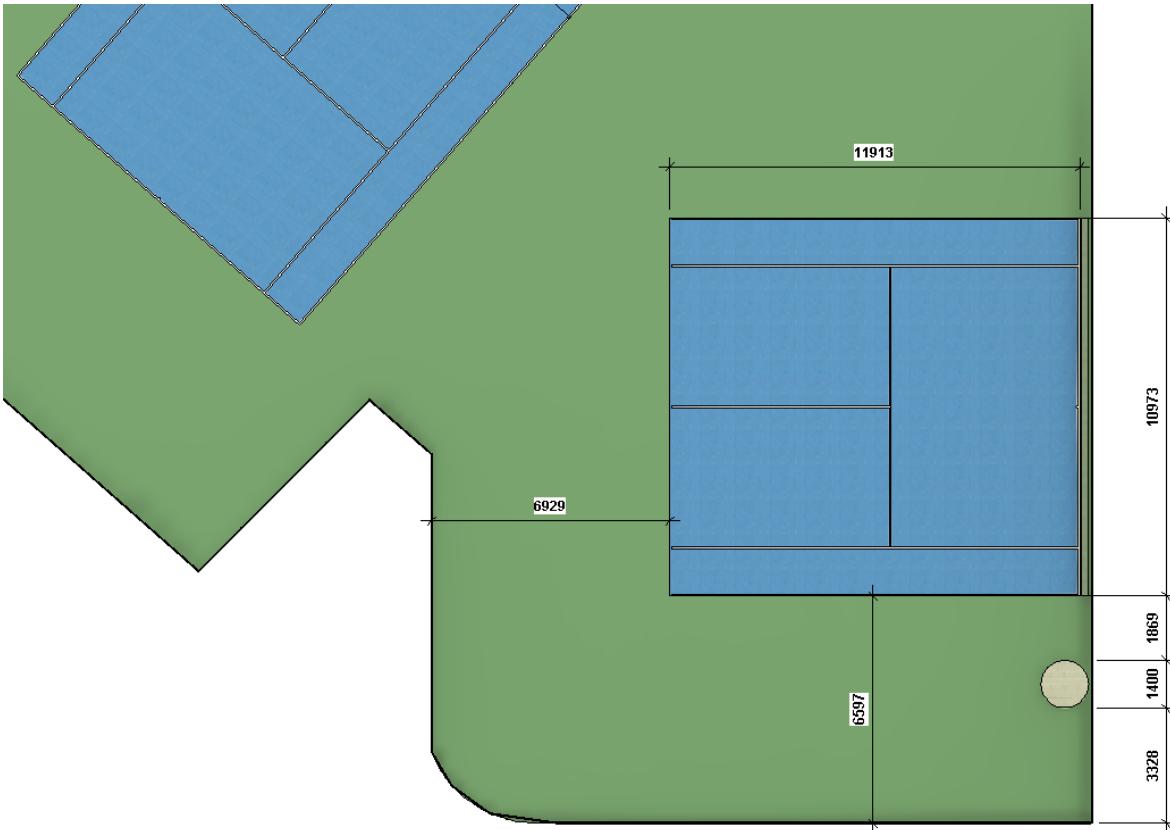
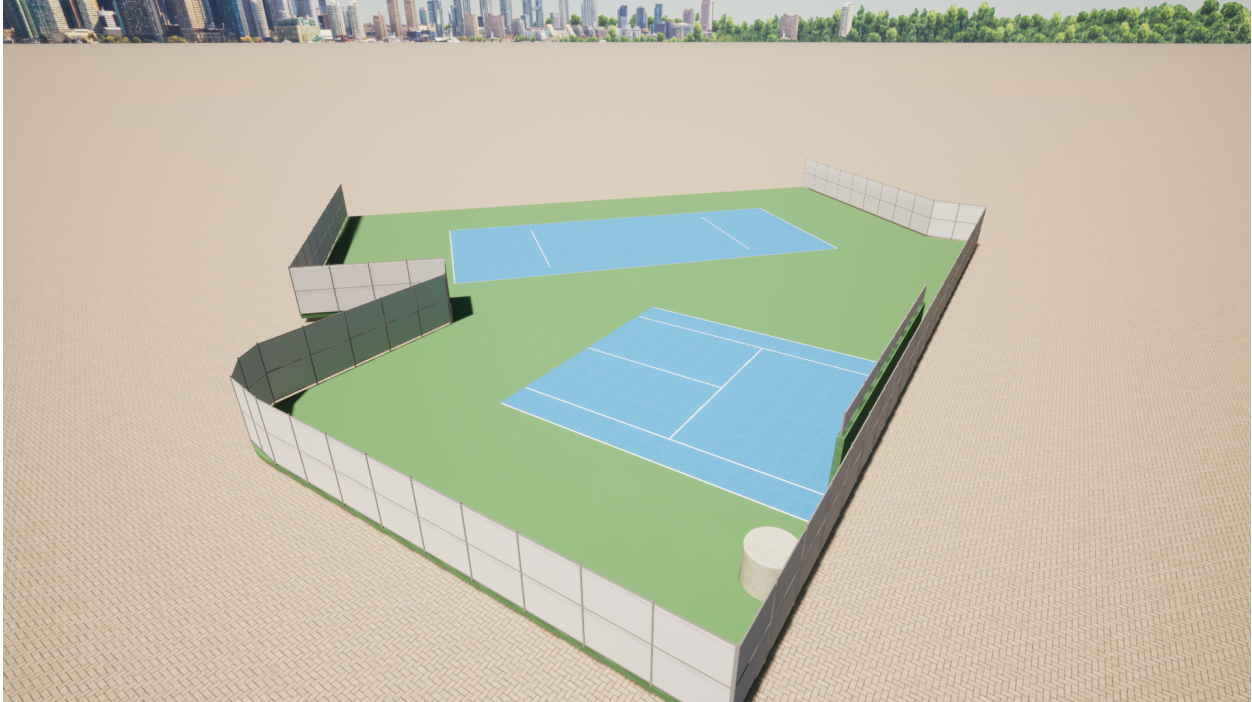
The Vancouver Tennis Society is willing to raise funds for the materials to construct the concrete wall (once the cost is determined), which includes possibly allocating unobtrusive marketing space on the practice wall itself or half-tennis court for local tennis businesses.



3-D Visuals

The Vancouver Tennis Society produced 3D renders of a potential arrangement of a new tennis practice wall in the unused area near Court 16. Note that the inclusion of a short fence at the back end of the practice wall's court may be advisable to avoid balls flying into Court 16.





The Vancouver Tennis Society looks forward to hearing feedback on the proposal.
Thank you!