

Hi,

It is not too often that TSPA requests YOUR service - especially in this capacity. However, this is a critical time. **By taking 2-3 minutes in filling out this survey can help save TSPA as the academy is at a crossroad in its survival!** The City of CSL is currently conducting a survey and TSPA would like them to know that it is a good idea that a third-party help run the club. Can you fill out the survey and let them know. This may help us deliver a better racquet sport service to YOU. Please fill out the survey in the next week.

These are the suggested answers to the questions:

**Given that tennis players and pickleball players need space to practice their sports, and given that tennis courts are larger, how many pickleball and tennis courts would you like to see at the Caldwell courts?**

We suggest 5 tennis and 0 pickleball.

We believe that more pickleball courts can be built either adjacent (there is plenty of space) or elsewhere in the City. For example, the butler building (near the arena) currently has five courts and there can be more space to put down more courts within the park.

**Given that tennis players and pickleball players need space to practice their sports, and given that tennis courts are larger, how many pickleball and tennis courts would you like to see at the CSL Tennis Club?**

We suggest NOT to have any pickleball courts at the Club. Choose 0 pickleball courts there. We believe the noise will hinder the enjoyment for tennis players. We also think pickleball courts should be placed elsewhere.

**The CSL Tennis Club is comprised of clay courts. The City is exploring the idea of modifying these courts because they require better irrigation and dedicated personnel to maintain. Regarding playing tennis on clay courts, which statement best describes your view?**

We suggest to choose I prefer clay court and am not open to playing on hardcourt.

Playing on clay courts is an ESSENTIAL ingredient at the Club. It is much better for the knees. There is already a hard court option at Caldwell and removing clay courts is NOT a good idea.

**Do you use the swimming pool at the CSL Tennis Club?**

If your child was part of our camp, you will know that the children used the pool every day. Choose frequently. This was an essential ingredient in the programming of our camp.

Then, another question will appear. **The City would like to maximize the use of the CSL Tennis Club pool. Which statement best describes your view?**

We suggest to select the swimming pool should be repaired no matter the cost.

The response seems somewhat loaded but that is besides the point. The pool is part of the enjoyment of the Club experience.

**Currently, the Tennis Club clubhouse building has limited use. If the City wanted to re-envision the use of this building, what would you like to see?**

We suggest to check off snack bar or cafe, multi-purpose room and write something in the text box. It is worth noting that the clubhouse was NOT used in a limited capacity. In fact, the camp used it for 40+ hours per week every week. Without the Clubhouse, the programming would be entirely different. The camp needs the space especially when it rains. You can also add that you think it is a good idea to have a lounge for members with nice sofas, large screen TV, good sound system, nicer bathrooms, space for other amenities i.e. massage, gym equipment etc. Adequate space for a tennis camp for children is the root of the success of the club!

**The City is exploring opening up the Tennis Club (which currently requires a paid club membership) to be more accessible to all residents of Côte Saint-Luc. Which statement best describes your view?**

We suggest to choose rent the property to a third party specializing in tennis/pickleball operations.

This is the key to the success of racquet sports within the community. This suggestion was brought up many years ago but was not adopted. This time, by filling out this survey may bring more clout to this movement. We are counting on you!

The link is below.

<https://cotesaintluc.org/en/recreation/racket-sports-survey-2024/>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you want to be so kind as to send us a screenshot of the confirmation page. Once again, please fill out the survey in the next week. You will notice that this year was the first year that TSPA did not sell our tennis camp services one year in advance. **Having these recommendations serves as an essential ingredient - perhaps a critical lifespan - in continuing to operate within the community.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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