

**Speaking Notes for Councillor Paul Ainslie  
(Ward 43 Scarborough East)  
Official Celebration of the Tam Heather Tennis Bubble Opening  
Saturday, October 11 a.m.**

Thank you Glen [Synowicki].

Good morning and welcome. It is a pleasure to be here today.

I think you will agree that this new tennis bubble is a welcome addition to the community.

Of the former five regulation tennis courts, three were covered from September to April with a temporary cover. The other two were open-air tennis courts that were closed during the winter months. During the spring and summer months all five courts were open air.

They have all been replaced with a permanent, year-round, climate-controlled domed structure to accommodate four regulation tennis courts.

The size of this new facility is 118 feet by 215.75 feet or 25,458 square feet.

The outer fabric of the dome is made of opaque vinyl-coated polyester and lined with high-performance insulation.

The courts themselves are constructed of road asphalt and are illuminated by thirty-two 1000-watt lights.

All of these features are designed to enhance the playing of tennis all year round.

This tennis bubble is an investment in the Tam Heather community. And more importantly, it is an investment in all of you.

This community wanted more opportunities to get active and to have fun through tennis. Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Board of Directors of the Tam Heather Curling and Tennis Club have worked very hard to make this tennis bubble a reality.

The City believes that tennis facilities make a healthy connection with the people who use them, which enhances their lives immensely.

I hope that you will take advantage of the amenities this tennis bubble has to offer and enjoy and use them to their full potential.

Thank you.