



RE: Reference and Support Letter for the Global Tennis Academy

April 12, 2017

Dear Mayor Stewart and City Council Members:

I am writing this reference and support letter with regards to the Global Tennis Academy as we recently have been informed that they will not have a facility to operate their programs as of June 30, 2017. In addition to providing a strong reference for the Global Tennis Academy, we urge all involved to be proactive to exhaust all options to help find the Global Tennis Academy a new home to operate their high quality programs.

The Global Tennis Academy, under Dimitri Penchev's leadership, has been recognized as a Tennis Canada Tennis Development Centre in the province of BC with 350 juniors and over 80 adult participants. The Global Tennis Academy has played a significant role in the province of BC to develop many of BC's top young talent that feed into our Tennis Canada National Junior Training Program that regroups the top athletes in the province.

In addition the Global Tennis Academy has provided meaningful health and well-being community programs for adults, families and children. These programs help enrich the lives of the participants and community by providing high quality and professional programs to meet the needs of the Coquitlam constituents as part of the sport for life pathway in place.

Lastly, the Global Tennis Academy has helped groom and train many young coaches over the years. They currently employ twelve certified Tennis Professional Association coaches and two certified fitness coaches to help deliver the above quality programs and meet the health and wellness needs of the community.

We are very supportive of the Global Tennis Academy and the work they are doing. We ask you and council members to consider alternative options and venues for the Global Tennis Academy to operate under so they are able to continue developing athletes, employ staff and make a meaningful difference to the lives of many community members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time for more information or details as I would be pleased to discuss.

Sincerely,

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