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# Tennis buffs raise racket over skateboard park site

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This is not a war between the tennis players and the skateboarders, according to tennis enthusiast Martin

Wildberger.

"We're not against a skateboard facility. We think a skateboard park is great. We just don't understand why we need to lose one great facility at the

expense of creating a new one. Why can't we have both?"

Wildberger said his objective is twofold: He wants to join the skateboarders in their mission and, at the same time,

save the tennis courts.

Of the three town-owned tennis courts, the Memorial Park courts are "by far the best," Peter Haw said.

"They're the only courts in town with lights. And, this court has the best surface. To suggest that the court is underutilized is inaccurate. We need both facilities. This town is growing. As the south gets developed, there will be a need for both."

The potential skateboard park sites include a section of Thicketwood Park on the south-east side of Latcham Hall, a parcel of land in Memorial Park beside the outdoor swimming pool, and lands that house the tennis courts, Ward 5 councillor Judy Scala said.

The tennis court site could include the use of the former planning and engineering building, she added.

The town-owned building became vacant when the department moved to the new municipal administrative office on Sandiford Drive.

If the tennis court is the chosen site, the skateboard facility will cost about \$70,000, Scala said, adding the price will rise if one of the other two sites are chosen.

The planning and engineering building is a portable.

"Move it and use it at the new skateboard park," Wildberger suggested.

The financial aspects of each site need to be revisited, Haw said.

If the downtown courts are lost, the town will be forced to install lights at one or both of the other two courts, he added. "This is going to cost."

Scala, a long-time advocate of a skateboard park, hopes to get the site chosen and secure a firm financial commitment.

After that council will deal with issues related to design and other facility features.

"If we get moving, we could build in the spring," she said.



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Lobbying to save their tennis courts are: (back row, from left) Amanda Alexan, Carolyn Alexan, Jennifer Sauter, Jill Sauter, Vanessa Alexan, Andrea Sauter, (front row) Dara Neale, Patrick Alexan and Mylene Freeman.



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ty, including a 12-gauge shotgun with Bolender's fingerprint and partial palm print on it.

The Crown contends the shotgun was used to fire several shots at Showers and Cowie.

Bolender has also pleaded not guilty to cultivation of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking.

The jury heard Showers and Cowie went to the Bolender property at about 1 a.m. to steal some of the 50 to 80 marijuana plants they had learned were growing there.

The jury is expected to deliberate Monday afternoon after hearing lawyers' final arguments and the judge's charge.

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