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**To:** [Budget2024](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Budget feedback and comments  
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Good afternoon Mayor/Councillors,

I attended the noon meeting to support you today.

Thank you for providing so many opportunities for public engagement. The process this year is better than last year; especially with offering the public 2nd and 3rd opportunities to speak.

Why are staff waiting for instruction, from Mayor/Council, to respond to questions that have been sent into city hall regarding the budget? Why would a department head, not take initiative to draft a response? Will the Mayor instruct all departments to draft replies to all questions before deliberation and budget decisions are made?

Does the City of Langford have a correspondence department? A place where all incoming emails, questions & letters are logged into the system (ensuring they were searchable by name, topic & reference number) then assigned to the respective dept for draft response. Any item requiring the Mayor's review would be sent to him in the form of a draft. All responses would then be filed along with the incoming request. I could hardly believe it when I heard staff say they were "waiting" for direction to respond. A dedicated correspondence coordinator is a basic need in any and all government organization.

Why are the YMCA and the Stadium exempt from paying taxes? Can this be changed so that they are contributing financially to the community? I do not support purchasing the YMCA unless it includes the land.

I support community gardens as a financial support for struggling families but could we bump this to next year once a plan has been drafted? Maybe apartments/condo buildings would be the best place to start (pilot project) with gardens.

I do not support small libraries as I feel this is a volunteer community project and we have a good library in the core. Perhaps the trolley could be installed, as a small library, on the other side of the highway next year. The areas around Millstream school, lower Bear Mountain and Treanor area have no amenities and a library would be a nice addition.

A sizable dog park on the other side (north) of the highway is over due and I would like to see money committed to this project; this year.

I strongly agree with the suggestion, that not all staff attend conferences. Perhaps two staff members can go and report back to the others or the others can zoom into the conference. This would be an effective cost-saving measure.

I support e-bikes (cars off the road); however, I would not use one myself because my neighbourhood doesn't even have safe sidewalks; let alone bike paths.

Thank you for all of your hard work in a stressful environment. Kind regards, Belinda

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Budget2024](#)  
**Subject:** Need for more tennis courts in Langford  
**Date:** February 21, 2024 10:04:20 AM

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To Whom it may Concern:

I am pleased to hear of the plan to resurface the Centennial Park tennis courts on Tennis Court Lane in Langford. The cracks have become rather significant. I play on these courts on a weekly basis throughout the entire year with other tennis enthusiasts. The tennis courts are well utilized and very often there is a line up of people waiting to play especially in the summer. However, just last week with a temperature of 7 degrees there were people waiting their turn to play, therefore only allowing for a shorter playing time.

I would argue that Langford actually needs more tennis courts especially with the growth in population. I live in Langford but sometimes have to play outside of Langford due to the lack of courts in Langford. It appears to me that on a per capita basis, Langford is far behind the other municipalities in terms of the number of tennis courts available to its population.

The two courts at Centennial are the only two public courts in Langford. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the Langford tennis club which is actually located in Colwood (Royal Roads University) is likely to be losing their courts in the next couple of years due to redevelopment and this will place even more pressure on the lack of courts in Langford.

The benefits of exercise, recreation and socializing are well documented and tennis is a great promoter of these. Physically and mentally healthy individuals lead to a healthier community. I am hoping that you will take the above in account when developing your budget for this year and years to come.

Thankyou for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kim Boyd

Langford Resident.

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Another 12% tax increase for 2024. That will be 13% for 2023 and another 12% 2024. What excuse are you going to use now? Previous council? People in this community are struggling and you are gauging us. Mayor and council are deceitful and untrustworthy.