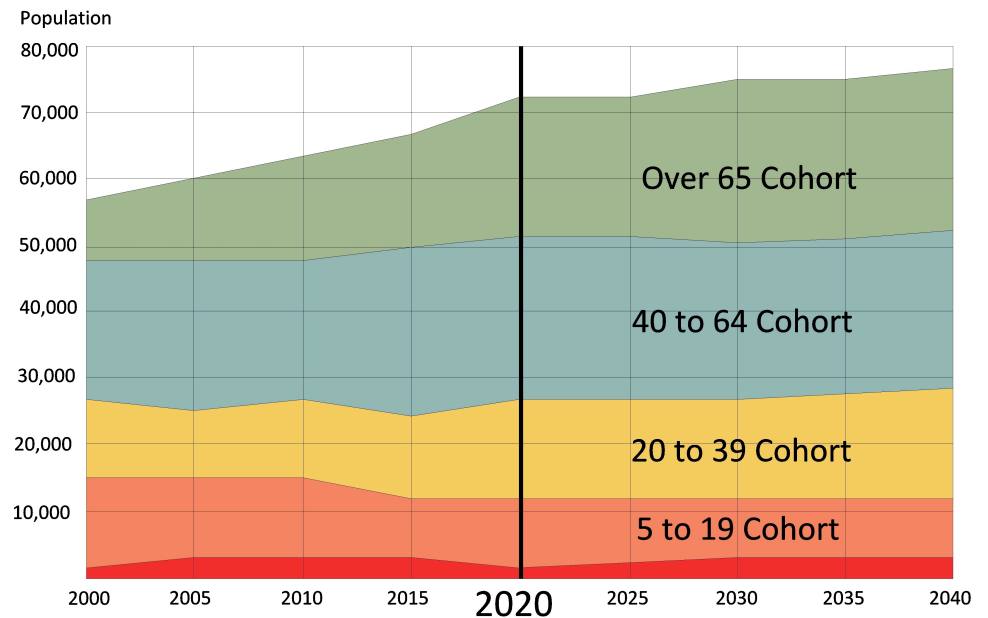


# Study framework

- Condition analysis, demographics and mapping of existing inventory
- Meetings with key stakeholder groups and staff at municipalities
- On-line survey of outdoor courts users: pickleball and tennis
- Defining needs, strategic locations and service-delivery gaps with recommendations



# What the survey revealed

- Responses from 322 of all registered 520 tennis and pickleball players in Comox Valley
- 2/3's of tennis and 2/3's of pickleball players play more than 3 times / week. Cumulative 1,000 hours per week in summer (28.5 hrs / court or 4 hrs / day)
- About 70-75% of female are intermediate and less than 20% competitive; males 40% competitive and 40% intermediate; 10% are casual / occasional
- Pickleball is 80% older than 65, tennis 20%; age 50-64 tennis 55%, pickleball 17%; 15% under age 35-49 23% tennis
- 45% live in Comox (higher with pickleball) , 35% in Courtenay (40% tennis)
- Anderton Park (90%) and Lewis Park (67%) most popular with tennis and Rotary (77%) and Martin Park (22%) with pickleball
- Only about 1/3 of summer pickleball players play in winter indoors (cost, travel)
- 85-90% drive to courts most of the time; 40-50% cycle / walk some of time
- Between 66-69% are very satisfied with the facilities available

# Mapping of existing facilities



Tennis



Pickleball

# Needs and possible future location options

- Tennis and pickleball courts in summer are currently used about four hours a day, mainly in the mornings
- In the short-term, increasing summer demand can be absorbed by existing courts used more hours (afternoons, evenings). Pickleball could rent indoor
- 8 of 18 tennis courts in need of upgrade, pickleball 2 of 19 courts (11 shared with box lacrosse) in need of upgrade
- Tennis Canada 1 court/4,000 population (18); pickleball no metrics
- Box lacrosse (about 100 registrations) prime time arena games and practices in outdoor boxes. May need more dry floor arena time



# Recommendations

- Tennis addition of 2 more outdoor courts, in addition to upgrading 8 courts
- Pickleball difficult to project but trending suggests 4-6 additional courts. Highlands HS 5 courts in lacrosse box playable condition but not a priority for upgrade by SD71
- East (north) Courtenay is geographically underserved and is where most players are, though they are very mobile
- Possibilities and partnerships: Crown Isle, Valley View Park, Exhibition Grounds, CVRC / Vanier HS, 19 Wing or new park acquisition
- City of Courtenay considering moving Lewis Park courts from floodplain, Bill Moore Park (West Courtenay) has land and infrastructure in place to replace and add new

