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## MAYOR ALAN LOWE TO OPEN THE 2006 RAYMOND JAMES VICTORIA OPEN

VICTORIA, BC – theClayCourts Sport Inc. proudly announces that the City of Victoria will sponsor the Raymond James Victoria Open Tennis Tournament, the largest tennis tournament on Vancouver Island, Canada - last year's event drew over 300 players.

The City will be the key sponsor for a Tennis Clinic on April 22 at Stadacona Park. With the City's sponsorship, the Tennis Clinic will be free for all players and all levels of ability – this supports the commitment to encourage healthy lifestyles for its residents and helping to establish Victoria as a prime destination for sporting events. The clinic will provide on-court tips and drills, rating assessments, scholarship information, as well as the basic 1-2-3's of tennis.

Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe will officially open the clinic and tournament at noon on April 22. "Here in Victoria, people of all ages enjoy tennis year-round," said Mayor Lowe. "The City is pleased to provide the Victoria Open Tennis Tournament with the use of its numerous outdoor courts for the enjoyment of players and spectators alike."

The City of Victoria will also provide registration support and outdoor tennis courts for the month-long tournament that runs from May 3 to June 4. Players ranging from under 10 years old to over 65 years old are expected to compete over a wide range of events held on the weekends.

"The City of Victoria sponsorship of the clinic helps bring tennis to everyone, whether a seasoned player or a beginner" explains Ludo Bertsch of theClayCourts Sport Inc., organizer of the event.

### **Free Tennis Clinic Details:**

Stadacona Tennis Courts, Belmont and Pandora  
April 22, 2006; noon to 2pm

### **Registration:**

call 361-0704 or drop-in at the Crystal Pool, 2275 Quadra

Participants, volunteers and sponsors can check out [www.victoriaopen.ca](http://www.victoriaopen.ca) for more information.

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*The City of Victoria offers a variety of recreation programs, including tennis lessons. A proud supporter of the 2006 Raymond James Victoria Open Tennis Tournament, the City of Victoria is committed to providing and supporting initiatives that offer quality recreation opportunities for Victoria residents. To register for the tournament or clinic, visit or call the Crystal Pool & Fitness Centre. For more information, phone 361-0704 or visit the City of Victoria website at [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca).*

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*theClayCourts Sport Inc. is a BC-based company that supports the sport of tennis and is the organizer of the 2006 Raymond James Victoria Open Tennis Tournament & Tennis Clinic (visit [www.theclaycourts.com](http://www.theclaycourts.com) for more information or phone (250) 592-1488).*