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Subject: Pickleball courts--"Key Findings report on Parks and Recreation" -Item 13.4 on the agenda

Hi Clerks of Richmond Hill,

Hope you are keeping well.

My name is Shufang Cheng. I am a resident of Richmond Hill. My address is 263 Iredale Road, Richmond hill.

I would like to address my concerns of the "Key Findings report on Parks and Recreation" Item 13.4 on the agenda.

<https://pub-richmondhill.escrimemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?id=ef5a0010-68d6-42e4-ab00-c197829057e5&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>

I have been playing pickleball since August 2021. It has been a challenge for us to find a pickleball court to play as there are only 2 outdoor courts in Richmond Hill, and each time we have to fight/argue with tennis players for the eligibility of using tennis court to play pickleball. As you might aware, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. It is low barrier to entry, encourages active community, and appeals to older demographic but gaining appeal with younger. In comparison to Markham, our neighbor city, it has a nine courts facility at Cornell and is building an eight courts outdoor facility. You could also refer the articles below for the reasoning.

<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/popularity-of-pickleball-surges-in-ottawa-1.5444269>

<https://www.thestar.com/local-newmarket/opinion/columnists/2021/02/19/cuddy-shark-cold-blooded-newmarket-pickleball-crowd-keeps-swinging-despite-winter-s-fury.html>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/headlines/what-is-pickleball-and-why-hamilton-needs-12-new-pickleball-courts-1.3718538>

I sincerely request that you consider the growing demand for pickleball. Please build more indoor and outdoor pickleball courts in 2022 or the near future.

Thank you.

Shufang Cheng